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the power of God that they can't answer.

Question from floor: Answer: I think that it's just indefinite whoever is the beholder. That's my inclination. Now in English we don't do that but they do in a good many other languages. In English we are more apt to use one we don't use one much. Say one would get tired. We're apt to say you. You would never have thought. That's quite a distinctively English way. You would never have thought. In German they say, one would never have thought. But I am inclined to think that this "before him" means before whoever is looking at him. This is the way it impresses ~~max~~ the observer. Now I never thought of that until within the last five minutes. That is a new suggestion on my part so certainly I don't mean to be dogmatic but I am inclined to think it fits the context much better. I never thought about that specifically, I just took for granted "before the Lord." He grows up before the Lord and of course there are many cases in the Bible that read before the Lord where the stress is on the Lord's power, and the Lord's regard for them and so on. But that thought while it's in the background of the whole chapter is not very specifically brought out in these couple of verses. The whole sense of the verse means that the one who looks at him does not see him fulfilling their natural expectation of what greatness will have and that being the case, I am inclined to think that's what it means here. It would be interesting to look in the commentaries and see which of them give that particular idea. I guess that you would find that most of them didn't but