

what the Bible is, that the Bible is a revelation from God, and I tried to go into the matter of what we mean by revelation and particularly I tried to bring out the fact that a revelation is not something that is queer and bizarre and strange but is something that is actually a very common part of life, something to which we are all accustomed. It is a good means of receiving knowledge; in fact it is the best means of receiving knowledge if you get your revelation from a source that is absolutely dependable, a source you can trust and a source that knows the facts with which the revelation deals. Now we opened up that general subject yesterday and today I am not going so much to add any new information as I am to try to drive home the general point which we made yesterday, and I am going to try to do this by means of an illustration. I am going to use one long illustration, this morning, to try to illustrate this matter of revelation, what it is, how common it is in ordinary human life and how necessary it is. Now this one illustration which I am going to use is an illustration from real life, that is, it is a true story. It is something which occurred about five years ago. As far as I can make it so, every detail that I mention will be strictly from facts. Now it is easy when we are giving an illustration of a point to make something up, and I don't think there is any harm in that. You are illustrating something and you give a story that gets the idea across, but that is not the case with the story I am giving this morning. It is something which I believe the Lord gave me primarily for this reason, in order to ^{me} give a remarkable illustration of what revelation means and in fact it goes beyond that to illustrate what God's revelation means. Now whenever I give this illustration I like to start with Proverbs 29:18, a verse the first half of which is extremely familiar. The last half of it is much less familiar because usually ^{only} the first half of it is quoted, and yet we are apt to misunderstand the verse altogether when we only quote the first half of it and do not quote the last half of it. The verse is, Where there is no vision the people perish. Probably everyone here has heard that, and yet I don't know how