

Mr. Torrey told me of a similar incident once where he was preaching and dealt with a particular type of sin which was being carried on by a man who was there whom he knew fairly well. He said that at the end of the sermon this man came up to him and said, "Oh," he said, "that sermon was wonderful." I have never heard such a fine presentation. How I wish everybody could hear that." Dr. Torrey said that that is one trouble with preaching--the people in the church hear you and they just pass it on the next person and he said in personal work they know you are talking to them, not to the other people around. But in this case when the man came up and said that. He turned to him like Nathan and he pointed out he was the one who deserved the things in the sermon. He said the man said to him later, "It hurt like everything, but it did me good." There was a case where it really was effective. in pointing out that it really referred to him. Now Jeroboam was taking the same attitude. This man is a trouble maker. He is causing difficulty in the house of Israel. He has a good message but it is not a message we need. He ought to go over to another country and give his message and we will rejoice in their getting it, but right here at home we don't need it. So they said, "Flee out of Israel. Go down to Judah. There it would be good. Those people need that message." So we learn from the books of Hosea and of Amos a good deal not only about God's will for people at that time and in future times but a good deal about the conditions in the time of Jeroboam II. Both ~~Jeroboam~~ Hosea and Amos are speaking specifically to and about the people in Israel at this time.

I have occasionally heard it said that when Jeroboam I divided off from Rehoboam and took away the ten kingdoms and that after that God's mercy was only on the house of Judah and that Israel was outside and that all the good people moved down into Judah and the bad people all moved up into Israel, but Judah was God's people and Israel were those who were chastised. I have heard that said in a sermon once by a leading fundamentalist preacher. I think it is a very superficial thing. While there have been and doubtless was some movement of that type but certainly a nominal movement. Yet to say that God's favor left the ten tribes when they