

AAM: Well then people have -- I mean, then I don't see why there should be division over this. We can all see that in the Scripture there are many instances where God has shown his marvelous patience and ~~God~~ man has failed under it. Many different cases.

LM: Well, Dr. MacRae, this would illustrate one of my difficulties coming to a school that is just a little bit different from the one I've been to, and its relation to this problem of dispensations and so forth. The reading of Scriptures from time to time from the Old Testament, for example we had Isaiah 40 read where it says, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God...." and so forth, and the implication seems to be that this was somehow written to us who need comfort and my background in dispensational fellowship and so forth would hardly ever read that in a public assembly. A new Testament letter would be ~~w~~ read. And of course, if a believer wished to be edified, all the Scriptures are profitable, that's true, he could read that and apply it to himself. But we emphasize the Interpretation of the Old Testament as to whom it belongs, and it seems like in the school where the covenants are more emphasized there is sort of a rubbing out of those distinctions, and Isaiah 40 becomes ours and you hardly know at all what I've learned, because Isaiah 40 also talks about the falling away of the sin, or something, but it seems hard to apply to the church.

AAM: Doesn't the New Testament say~~d~~ that Isaiah 40 is fulfilled in John the Baptist?

LM: Yes, and that was when God's comfort did come to Israel. John came to Israel, and he preached the coming Messiah, and the comfort of Israel which was scattered and torn through the captivities in the time of the Mac-cabees was to come through the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ,

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