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All his property was gone. His children had all been killed. He himself had a loathsome disease and he sat there and his wife said, to him, "Curse God and die," and Job, you remember, in that situation was faced with very great difficulties in answering the arguments of his friends, and finally the Lord appeared and the Lord didn't give Job the answer to the situation. The Lord, through the course of four or five chapters presented simply evidence of the greatness of God and Job said, "Now, I see what you are and I see the thing that I said before." He saw the greatness of God. When we tend to despair it is good to look back to the fact that this was God's world at one time and that everything in it now exists because He created it that way, but to say that it is God's world now has to be greatly qualified.

It is helpful to us to see the evidences of design. All the leaves on the trees are arranged in certain order, and to see orderliness of the stars and the planets, the orderliness of the chemical elements, the orderliness of feature after feature of the universe. There's design and plan, there's a foundation that is truly of God, but something has gone wrong with it and we don't find the full explanation by simply starting out with the point that this is God's world. And so we notice first that God has created the world but second, and equally important, that feature which we noticed this morning in Genesis 3. We didn't have time to more than touch the fact that in Genesis 3 God laid a ^{good} curse upon this world, and God changed this/world into a world which is now under a curse and so as you look at the world you can't tell how things are going to be simply because God made the world, because you don't know what is the result of sin and what is the result of His perfect creation. I mentioned the balance in the animal creation. Do you believe things were that way before the fall? I don't believe so. Do you think it is going to be that way in the millennium? I'm absolutely sure it won't be. God is going to take away the curse, from the animal creation. You take the disease and the suffering which human beings have. It is real and it is something which you wouldn't