

I think it is vital. Our interest is not particularly in calling attention to verses 21 and 22, the details of the intervention of God as compared with Revelation. My interest this morning is in calling your attention to the way in which Isaiah saw the course of the age, in which he saw the wonderful outgoing of the witness, the wonderful thing of glorifying God even in the fires, glorifying the name of the Lord God of Israel from the uttermost part of the earth, and then the fact that along with it he saw this process of evil, of chaos, of the spreading of wickedness which takes place all through this age, and which comes to an end, not because of human effort, not even because of the human preaching of the gospel, because of God's wonderful intervention. I think it is helpful for us in getting our perspective, in ~~of~~ understanding where we stand in God's plan, in understanding our situation, in seeing that what God has called us to is not to make a ~~great~~ great conquest, although we may 2 . It is not to bring in happiness in all the world; He is going to do that as His part. But it is to glorify Him in the midst of the fire. It is when we ~~fall~~- flee from the noise of the fear and fall into the pit, not to just completely lose our nerve and say, "What is the use?" But to realize that this is what God predicted all the time. It is the price of the faith. It is the thing you can expect as long as Satan is loose and as long as sin is rampant and is in control. We are displaced persons, but we have access to the throne of grace. We have direct contact with the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are saved, and we have His promise that through His power the victory is going to come; that He is going to work it out; that He is going to work ~~out~~ out these wonderful ~~the--~~ things He has promised for the future, and that while He carries we have every reason to rejoice, not to be sad, no matter how ~~terrible~~ terrible a thing may be, but to glorify His name/<sup>even</sup> in the midst of the cloud, <sup>?</sup> even from the uttermost parts of the earth to cry out, "Glory to the Righteous One," and to recognize that the leanness, the seeming futility, the treachery of the treacherous