

Lecture #2

I should like for just a moment to turn to the Book of Isaiah, the 48th chapter, verses 3 to 5. Isaiah 48:3-5: "I have declared the former things from the beginning. And they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them, I did them suddenly, and they came to pass, because I knew that thou art obstinate and thy neck is an iron sinew and thy brow brass, I have even from the beginning declared it to thee. Before it came to pass I showed it thee, lest thou shouldest say, My idol hath done them, and my graven image and my molten image hath commanded them."

Nowadays the idol, or the molten image, or the graven image, is one of two things. It is either man and man's great ability and man's great accomplishments as he thinks of them, or else it is pure chance and accident. God says, I have even from the beginning declared it to thee, lest thou shouldest say it was my clever planning that did it, lest thou shouldest say it was the great ability of the human race that accomplished it, lest thou shouldest say it was pure chance and God had nothing to do with it.

Tonight I would like to consider with you the chapter which I believe is familiar to most who have ever attended Sunday School for any length of time,- the 4th chapter of the book of Judges. It is the story of Deborah and Barak, and before we begin to look at the interesting historical events of this chapter, taking a starting point from the verses I read to you in Isaiah, I would like to tell you of a little experience I had when I was in college. There was a girl in this college who was the daughter of a minister, but she had departed very far from the views of her parents. She was now in a state quite remote from where her parents lived, and she was living with an uncle and an aunt