

In the past I have been impressed with the fact that our devotional development here has been pretty much haphazard. One person talks on this in chapel, another one talks on a different subject and it is not integrated. And I had the idea that this was the most primary of all the skills for one's development, and I am anxious to work out a schedule that is more systematic so that we can have an integrated program through a great part of the year. It seems to me that many of our students have failed to accomplish what they should in the Lord's work because they have had spiritual problems which often we haven't been able to find out before. And with a more integrated program I feel we'll be able to find out more how to help them develop, and to learn where to give special help to them; and most important of all, to get an idea of their own attitudes and problems, their own situations. I have been thinking, for this coming year, of starting with Isaiah 6 and going straight through the various main themes which I think will make an excellent introduction to the consideration of the particular main problems that ~~we~~ face us in the training of the Lord's servants. Like, first, Isaiah saw the Lord. Well, what it means is the important thought; ~~xxx~~ that we should see Him, that we should realize His greatness. Then, when he saw the Lord, he said, Woe is me, for I am undone, for I am a man of unclean lips. Next, our own personal insufficiency, that seeing the Lord alone should lead to despair rather than to real happiness; and our insufficiency, our sin, our need of a Saviour. And then the Seraphim took the things from off the altar and brought the live coal and touched his lips; surely that represents the atonement of Christ, in connection with the altar, and to enter upon the questions, whether we have the reality of this experience in each one of us, and what it means to us ~~in~~ and how vital ~~it~~ it is in preparation for the Lord's service.

And then, after he had that, then he heard the Lord's call, and then the call of the world, the need of God's work. And then he said, "Here am I; send me;" the response to the call. And then the Lord gave him the message and the importance of having the message of God's Word, not just what we think will help people, but what are the needs of the world, and how good the message was in that case for what anyone would have