

that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel." Those are unusual statements. We have the wonder Aaronic benediction which we read before ~~the~~ ^{awhile} back is often repeated today, but we don't find these two statements repeated much, nowadays. But I believe that the Lord gave them ^{here} to us ^{through} stress/the fact that though even though here they were going ~~to~~ an area, a wild mountain ~~area~~ area where there was no evidence of any enemies, anything to fear, nevertheless God wanted them to be on their guard always. "Rise up Lord and let thine enemies be scattered." The common trend today among the Liberals is Everybody's good. If you just be kind to them everyone will react in a kind way. Well there is a certain element of truth in ~~it~~ it, but they carry it to an extreme that is definitely false. There is wickedness in the world, There are enemies of the Lord and God wants us to be aware of them. And God wants us to look to Him for protection against the enemies of God and for scattering their power and their forces, and we don't necessarily overcome them by a direct frontal ~~attack~~ attack all the time, but we want to be always aware of their presence and of the danger that comes from them "Rise up O Lord let thine enemies be scattered, let them that hate thee flee before thee." I think one of the craziest things I've ever heard of is the attitude of some people that the millennium is right now. Satan is now bound. Well if he is, who's carrying on the work? Certainly the work of Satan is very evident today. The wickedness of Satan is evident in every part of the world today. The violence, the vileness, the misery, the hatred, the cruelty that Satan is showing is very apparent in the world today. But how easy it is for us to forget it, because Satan is so ready to come as an angel of light. And so God wants us to remember the wonderful Aaronic benediction of the Lord's blessing upon us but He also wants us to remember this prayer. When the ark set forward Moses said, Rise up O Lord and let thine enemies be scattered. Let them that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel." Let us pray. O our Father, we would pray that the enemies of the Lord might be scattered. That ~~those~~ those who hate him might flee before him for our world seems to be falling into the hands of the enemy(s) of all that is good. But O our God we know that you are triumphant that you are in control, that all is a part of your purposes. And so our God we know that you will return to us if we will keep our eyes upon our Saviour. In our Saviour's Name. Amen.