

to the village and he would -- and as we approached the head man of the village would come out to meet us and Dr. Albright would greet him and carry on a conversation with him and we were under the protection of the village then. We would put up four tents and Dr. ~~Dr~~ Albright would hire someone from the village to sit out in front to keep sneak thieves and people like that away. But we had no real ~~no~~ danger because we were under protection of that village.

I heard about a couple at that time from Czechoslovakia who set out with carrying little tents on their backs and camping and they made their way across Europe to Spain, down Spain, and went across from Gibraltar to Africa clear across North Africa. They came up into Palestine but they didn't know the customs. And they came into Palestine and they one night camped at a place where they were out in the open plain, maybe there was a village a mile this way and a mile and a half that way and a mile that way, and they were out in the open field. So they weren't under the protection of any village and the result was that the son of ~~the~~ ^{one of} the head men of the villages and two friends of his came down and shot them both and killed them and took all the property, that they had. At that time it was under British mandate and the British made a thorough investigation and found ~~the~~ the people who had been responsible and punished them very severely, but that didn't bring the young couple back to life ~~to~~ to whom this had happened. It was to some extent then a land that eats up its inhabitants. But it doesn't mean it wasn't a good land. It doesn't mean it was(n't)? a fertile land though the phrase could ~~possibly~~ possibly be used in such a way to mean that and the higher critics insist that that's the way it must be kept, and thus contradicting other passages and establishing the higher criticism here. We'll look at that a little as we go on a bit further.

But here we have ^{then} the statement, It's a good land. Everybody agrees. They are a strong ~~people~~ people. Everybody agrees. The question is, Will God enable us to take it? Can we take it? And of course that's a question that any of us should face. We hear of great heroes of faith who stepped out and have done a tremendous work of God but