

methods of interpretation, but if God's going to use us we want to put the first things first and the secondary things in a secondary place. When you major on the minors you're going to find pretty soon that you're minoring on the major. And God will not use your work the way He could use it if you make that very vital error.

So much then for the moment for vs. 33. That was No. 1 The Problem of Vs. 33

2. The Cloud, as a sign of God's presence. And as I mentioned to you last week we can be quite sure that the Israelites could not always see the cloud but it was always there. And you can always be sure that if you are truly following the Lord the cloud is there. And God may choose to lead you in paths of tremendous service for Him, but He may choose to lead you into ~~in~~ paths where you don't seem to be accomplishing much. He may choose ~~to~~ to lead you through the valley of the shadow of death, and thro periods of ~~g~~.grt. sorrow and grt. suffering but if you're truly putting Him first and endeavoring to following Him, you know the cloud is there. And you know it's part of His plan for you, ND EVEN THOUGH for the time being it may seem to you you are not accomplishing much and it may seem to you that you are undergoing suffering and ~~as~~suffering and frustration that you can't see why you should get when you see somebody else has grt. success and effectiveness. if you're truly putting Him first and truly working to serve Him, and not letting your own desire for personal pleasure take up (too much) a part of ~~of~~ you time and attention, you can be sure that what comes is part of His plan and He has a real purpose in it even tho you may not know what it is until you have a chance to ask Him after you go to glory. But the cloud is ~~there~~ if you're truly following Him, and that is a mighty important thing for us to remember. And so we go on to

G. Moses' Prayer. And we read this in vs. 35-36 (reading text . . .) "And it came to pass when the ark set forward that Moses said.." I think it would be a little better trans. in Eng. to say, When the ark would set forward. He is clearly not telling what happend the first day, or what happened any particular day. But he is here giving the custom that Moses followed in the course of this journey. "And it came to pass when the ark would set forward, that Moses would say, Rise up Lord and let thine enemies