

He is now for a number of years in the Philadelphia area. After he told about it he said, But that man could not do a thing in the Philadelphia area. He just would not appeal to people here at all. But he knew how to appeal to people in that area. I don't know the details, I don't know why the situation is. Some people make a great success in one place, and a great failure in another place. There is no question of that. But God wants us to learn how to get experience for our messages. He wants us to study the situation and learn how we can effectively reach people with His message. There are some people who are just ready to hear you. They are open and longing to get an answer, and there are other times when their ears are shut tight and they won't listen. There are ways -- proper ways -- of reaching them in each situation. So here we find this man worked out this peculiar way which the Lord led him in this rather crucial situation to get a hearing from the king. So the king listened and he said in vs. 39: "Keep this man, and if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life," He said, I was told this by one of the leaders in the battle. He said, "Keep this man if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life," He told the king how this had happened. Then he said, "As thy servant was busy here and there he was gone." The king of Israel said, "Why you have set your own judgment. You were unfaithful. You deserve what you got. And the king went on and then the man used this as an example and said to the King, "Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people. He got the hearing and gave the message.

But I think the Lord has a blessing for us in considering the way in which he got this hearing and considering one of the phrases. He was told to keep this man; protect this important prisoner. Keep him safe. Don't let him get away. And he said, "As thy servant was busy here and there