

Oh, it may hurt to get the live coal on your lips. It may really hurt to see yourself as you are. It may hurt to realize how you need day by day to get the cleansing through what Christ did at Calvary. It may hurt, but it is necessary for each of us.

But now we go on and we see that when Isaiah received the redemption, when he received the atonement, when he received this cleansing, immediately he heard something further. And if a person truly is saved, if a person truly has the experience of v. 7, they are going to have the experience of v. 8. We read in v. 8 also, "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I, send me." The person who truly knows what it means to be saved through Christ, cannot help but hear the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Oh, it is nice to study theology. It's nice to learn facts about God's universe. It's nice to learn the wonderful truths that He wants us to have. But the important thing is that we use these truths to accomplish His purposes.

I saw a book sometime ago, a theological book discussing the atonement, discussing God's plan for redemption, going through it and giving details and giving a lot of material that I thought was very excellently derived from the Word of God, and giving a certain amount that I thought was imaginary - a person letting his mind speculate on this, that, and the other. And he got involved in a lot of precise, ~~th~~ technical theological points, and I think he realized it because he wrote at the end of the book something that I think was worth more than all the rest of the book together. He said, The plan of salvation is wonderful, but no one was ever saved by loving the plan of salvation. He said, These great theological truths are wonderful to know, ~~but~~ about in the study,