

acted in such a way that they would listen to him, and give him a chance to go on and give his message. His tact, his manner of procedure, his going where they were and presenting the message is the thing that is worthy of note.

Second, note how the clever human scheme of making alliance with ungodliness and thinking thereby to get that which is right, Isaiah rebukes it here in the strongest language. The bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. In the end the only ~~XXX~~ true protection is in God's will. The only true protection is in standing true to him. The clever schemes that make alliance with wickedness and think that in the end good will come from it, they recoil on us in the end and they don't work.

We need to look at things from God's viewpoint, to stand for him and know that He will ~~we~~ will work out His purposes, His perfect will. We need to stand absolutely foursquare in our message, but we need like Isaiah to figure the ways of getting our message across, to figure the places where it can receive a hearing, to figure the way to get people to listen, to move forward in tact leading into the position where we can speak forth rightly, to move forward to get folks who need the message to hear it. May the Lord enable us to learn these two lessons that Isaiah presents. May he enable us to speak in a way that will be effective. May he enable us to stand for his truth in way that will not merely stand and be unnoticed, but will go forward and get the May he enable us never to  
enter into schemes that will compromise with that which ~~XXX~~ is ungodly or that which is wicked, but to realize what he that  
the covenant with hell will not stand; the agreement with death will be blown over, that the bed is too short for one to lie upon.