

Yet, there are many statements whch we use sufficiently that we no longer think of their literal meaning. They assume a different meaning to our minds.

Before looking at the assignment of Dan.7:13, I want to look at a verse in the OT which is perhaps quoted as often as any other OT verse in the NT. That is Ps. 110:1. The first verse of Ps. 110 is here quoted, of the words are used in such a way that it is clear the writer had this ~~ix~~ in mind in at least 10 cases in the NT. The verse reads: "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The phrase Lord, of course, here is another case where a somewhat more figurative use has come to be established so we could ~~xxxx~~ call it~~x~~ literal. In England a Lord is anyone who has a particular title. We don't use it in America in that way. But when I was in Germany right after the war when people had to have all kinds of ration cards in order to get anything to eat, and they were under very strict regulations.

I think most of them hadn't seen a candy bar for years. You could go into the Post Exchange and buy all the candy you wanted cheaper than you could in this country. Any American who was there at the time would give out candy bars to the German people. You ought to have seen the look on their faces when you did so.

There was a German professor there -- very famous professor, who was having barely enough to eat -- I took him with me to be my guest at one of the best hotels that had been taken over by the Army. There for 256 apiece I got a big dinner both for him and for me. You looked at what the Americans were enjoying there in Germany during the period of occupation only three years after the war ended, he said to me, The American's are the Lords! That's a somewhat figurative expression, you might say.

We are -- were not appointed ~~xxxxx~~ lords by a king or anything like that, but it was perfectly clear what he meant. Now this word "the Lord" we have come to use to represent the Biblical name of God. It is represented by the four Hebrew letters in the OT, the pronunciation of which is unknown. The ASV put it as Jehovah.

So when we read, The Lord said to my Lord, the Lord there is a somewhat figurative expression, yet it has come to be really a literal thing. We know exactly what is meant. It is the God of the OT. It is the great Lord of creation. "The Lord said to my Lord" - you remember Jesus said, Why did David call him Lord? Christ referred to it in such a way as to make it clear that this expression, My Lord refers to Messiah. It refers to Jesus Christ.

The great God who is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship him in spirit and in truth, said to the Messiah Sit thou at my right hand. Where does God sit? God is Spirit. He is everywhere. Where does He sit?