

As this man saw this and saw this university founded by Carey for the proclamation of the gospel becoming purely a secular institution with no gospel in it any more, I believe it was as if he could hear the spirit of Wm Carey saying, what Isaiah said, "I waste away, I waste away. The treacherous betray with treachery. The treacherous betray."

What a picture God gave thru Isaiah of the progress of events during succeeding centuries. How he shows that the conquest by the Babylonians, that the great forces of that day could not destroy the truth. That the great truth of God's power, the great truth of God's goodness, and kindness and of His provision for our salvation would not only be preserved but it would be spread, extended. What a wonderful picture he saw of the fact that they would take the Gospel to the West and further and further West with the Gospel and that the message of salvation would be brought to the very islands of the sea.

What a picture he saw that this would be done despite suffering, privation and misery. That people would stand for the Word of God no matter what they had to endure for it. That in the midst of the fires they would glorify God. But what a picture he saw of the fact that it was not God's plan that the Gospel should make the whole world an area in which the Gospel would be visibly triumphant, but that we should to the very end be a minority who would present God's offer of salvation but knowing that there will be enemies to the very end. Knowing that even if those movements be developed that the treacherous dealers will deal ~~xtreacherously~~.

God is not so interested in great movements and great accomplishments as he is in the individual. He wants us to be entirely devoted to Him so that nothing will stop us but that standing for His Word and presenting His truth. He wants us to go out knowing that He will give us what measure of victory He chooses to. But it is His will that each of us should stop at nothing to make known the message of salvation through Christ. Let's pray.

O God our Father, we thank you that our God knows the end from the beginning. We thank you that you knew the whole course of history and that you gave Isaiah such a marvellous picture of what would happend. We thank you for the rest of this ch. which also shows us the very end of the age, and gives us a picture of the millennial reign of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for the wonderful knowledge you gave of ~~h~~ your promises. But Oh our God, we thank you for the loyalty to Christ that was shown by so many of these great leaders for Christ in past days. Some were men of great ability; some men of little ability but those whom you blessed were men who were wholeheartedly devoted to our Lord Jesus Christ and determined to put Him first in everything. Help us, we pray, to carry on the spirit and the position that you describe here of those who worship and present the Word of God and glorify Him even in the midst of the fires, and use us we pray to accomplish your purposes in this day. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.