

Prophets 10

you're through, that you don't stop there. Well, that's all right. He's given two verses on this, but now in Verse 7 the Authorized Version says that they also have erred through wine--they also. The Revised Version is much better here. It has "these also" instead of "they" and in the Hebrew with just "they also" you wouldn't need the . "These--these ones", not . Not just "they" but "these." These also have erred. Who are these? Here is Isaiah standing there and he's told about the drunkards of Ephraim and then he points to the nobility. He says, "These also have erred." Now he's gotten this far. He's said quite a little and the people have let him talk through these six verses and it's sort of hard to stop him right now and he's going to give them a little temperance lecture. "These also have erred through wine and through strong drink are out of the way." Well, we don't like him attacking us right in our banquet but maybe he won't stay on that line very long. They let him go a few words. Maybe he'll get back on a good patriotic line pretty soon where we can raise the flag and rejoice again, but he continues: "the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine," and here's some of the religious leaders of Jerusalem sitting in this banquet half drunk and "they err in vision, they stumble in Jerusalem, for all the tables here are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean." Well, that's getting pretty strong, and by that time they don't like it, and yet there's nobody there, evidently, who is quite ready to step forward and say, "Put this fellow out of here." They start talking to each other, and so Verse 9 is undoubtedly the people talking to each other. Verse 9 is not what Isaiah says but it is these nobles there, and they say to one another, "Who's he trying to teach this stuff to? It's all right for him to go out to the common people and tell them they should be sober and upright and all. That's good for those people, but why come and talk to us this way? Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breasts." Is he going to talk to us as if we were little children? He's treating us like infants. Those