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You can know that in the end God is going to set up His perfect control. He does not do it now. He chooses not to. He could if He would, but He has chosen in His inscrutable wisdom to allow His true people to stand for Him on the losing side all through this age and there are brief periods when Christians think they are on the winning side but it is only because they don't see very deeply. England was taken over by Protestantism completely. It looked as if there was an absolute, complete victory of protestantism, and what happened? Ministers proceeded to sit down in nice churches with a good salary and give pleasant sermons on Sunday and spend their time studying mathematics and other subjects and writing nice books about it, and they settled back into forgetfulness and slackness and when evolution came along it just carried the country. People forgot that, they thought that they were leaders in a victorious movement instead of remembering that they are the leaders in an, what is during this age, the losing side, and which is a verse which to Moab said, "Don't look at the way things appear. Look at reality. As they appear, it is the losing side. Zion is going down but in reality, eventually Zion is to be supreme, and not to be supreme with vengeance and cruelty but to be supreme in righteousness and loving kindness, but in full remembrance of what has happened in the past. You have your opportunity now to stand by faith with God or to stand with sight with the powers of this world. Mr. Sit? (Student) I know we must show righteousness in our lives, in every phase of life upon which we touch and it is the Lord's will that we do that, but not that we put our hope upon the development of something permanent. Calvin's great hope was not in what he could build up at Geneva. Calvin was interested in Geneva as a secure base from which he could send the word of God out into other countries. He was interested in it as a place where there would be a safe place for the training of ministers for other countries, and of missionaries and colporteurs and he was interested that righteousness should be supreme in the life of the leaders of Geneva both