

Isaiah 3

with a denunciation of the false attitude and with a revelation of the fact that He is going to slay those who are contrary to His will, that no one has a right to say, "Because I am Abraham's seed, therefore God must bless me." Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "God can raise up seed to Abraham of the stones of the earth." You don't get a blessing simply because you are Abraham's seed. You have no right to make a claim like that. Someone says, "I come of a fine godly family. I have an ancestry that has stood back for generations. Wonderful blessing, wonderful opportunity that it gives you. It is a grand thing to have, but in itself it is not enough and if you are going to stand on that and say, "I've got to be saved on account of my ancestors," you are not going to get very far with God. God does give blessings to the descendants of godly people. He promises that His mercy is shown to thousands of generations of them that love Him. His mercy continues to the descendants of His people. It is a true argument but it is not a sufficient argument, nor a proper argument to make the base of the plea for God's help. What is your question? (Student). We should have a prayer of contrition. Our righteousness is filthy rags, but, Oh, I must get a righteousness. I must get something that is acceptable before God. But they don't. They go on and say, "Our righteousness is filthy rags. There is nothing in us to deserve your credit but God, you are our Father. Because you are our Father you must give us this blessing. We are your people." Verse 9. We are all thy people. Thy holy cities are a wilderness. Will you refrain yourself? Our holy and beautiful places where our fathers praised thee. Their plea is made on the ground they are His people, not on the plea that they may receive a righteousness. They are asking in unrighteousness, to receive blessing. You see, there is no plea that they receive righteousness, but there is a recognition of the fact that they haven't got it, but I don't see any real contrition. Now, of course, there is a question, ^{where} with these particular verses taken alone we might make an