

Isaiah 5

on what is known, reserving judgment on what is still doubtful but trying to get the light to dispel that reservation and constantly seeking to become^{aware}/of new problems on which the Spirit of God in connection with our study may give us more light as the time goes on, so I wish we had now a month or two to spend in the discussion of these three chapters. I am sure there is much in it that would be very valuable to us to discuss at great length. I think perhaps, though, under the circumstances it is most useful if I run through and try to give you an apprehension of the way in which I think the chapters hang together, try to give you an apprehension of the principles which appear vital to me in it, and of the way in which I interpret some of the verses which at first sight appear to contradict the principle which I find in it of the way in which I find the principle brought out most clearly in some verses and as I go on, then, anything that I don't make clear I wish you would interrupt me and we will examine any verse that you think appears at first sight to be immediately a definite objection or difficulty in what I am presenting but perhaps we'd better not take much time for lengthh discussion of particular points but try to get the whole matter of these two chapters before us now. Now, in Chapter 65 I think there is no question that we have two sections in the chapter. As you start at the beginning of the chapter it is very evident that the great bulk of the material which you find in the beginning of the chapter is in the nature of rebuke, and as you look at the last part of the chapter it is very evident that the great bulk of the material which you find there consists of blessing. There is no question of that, that the bulk of the material in the two sections of the chapter differ from each other, and consequently we have, it is not clear at first quite just where the division should come, but it is quite clear approximately where it should come, that it should come somewhere around Verse 17, because everything from there on is blessing and rather unified and before that it is predominantly rebuke with an occasional verse which appears to be either an isolated section of blessing or something that is blessing to someone but