

Isaiah 9

dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child

shall play on the hole of the ask, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Surely that is a picture of a period of great, remarkable blessing covering this whole earth. It shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. No section on this earth in which the Lord's blessing is not . It is not a situation such as we have today with individual Christians here and there, and there, but such a situation in which the knowledge of the/earth and there is no place on the earth in which people are ignorant of the Lord, no situation such as we find today where thousands of people right here in Wilmington have never heard the gospel of Christ presented in any clarity, presented in any way that they could realize what it truly is, where probably the majority of the people in Wilmington think that to be a Christian means either to go to mass and bow before the statue of the virgin or think that to be a Christian means to do the best they can and try to keep the Golden Rule, but the real understanding of what it means, to know enough about it to accept it or reject it has certainly never come into the minds of the present generation of the people of Wilmington, even though in the last generation it probably did. Probably aside from the Roman catholics section of the population most of the people of Wilmington fifty years ago and of most cities in the United States heard the gospel, but in this age they certainly don't. In this age, in this present generation, the gospel is a Christian here and a Christian there and a Christian there, scattered over the world and certainly this picture in Isaiah 11 we studied at length in our course in the prophets which some of you had last year and some of you will have next year, but it is interesting the close similarity between this paragraph, this verse we just read, and