

to visit some town there in the gold area, and as he went he got talking with a man in a stagecoach. And the man told him how he was going back to see his father and mother, how his father had been indignant at him for some things he had done and told him to leave the home and never come back and he'd shoot him if he ever came in the place again. Yet he just wanted to see how his father was, how things were, he was just going to find out, and then he told how he talked to this man in the stagecoach and then he left him, and it so happened that he stayed at the home of the man's father. A couple of days later, the man's father told how he had been in an accident and how he had been thrown into the water and would have drowned ^{but} ~~if~~ someone saw him there and rushed out ^{to hold of him,} ~~grabbed the boat,~~ pulled him out, rescued him and saved his life and he turned to the man and said who do you think it was, he said it was that good-for-nothing, ornery brother of yours that had done these miserable things, coming back to this region to show his wicked face ~~and his~~ to his poor father that couldn't stand the sight of him any more. And I forget the language but here you had a picture of this father who, even if the son saved his life, he still was so angry and so mean toward him, and then the man told how on the way back on the stage coach, he ran onto this same fellow again, and well he says, did you see your father, Well, he said, I got a glimpse of him. Well he said are you satisfied? Well, yes, he said, I found out, I saw the ^{family} ~~man~~ and saw how they were and found out my father felt just the same as before so (9 3/4)

Well, that is a rare experience in human life but it does happen, it does happen, and you will find that family relationships, while ordinarily they create the closest of ties, in which people will turn against all justice and all decency in order to stand by members of their family sometimes, you'll find that sometimes the very opposite is true. And it is a valuable thing in understanding God's dealings with people who compare what men will do but it is not conclusive, it is not a proof. The fact that one