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and/realize that they deserve, not only, the wicked of the nation, but even the godly of the nation deserve. _____ And we, today, are implicated in the sin of our nation, and whatever they have done, we can't say it's just the wicked that are to be punished. We all are implicated, and we also deserve.

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We all ^{so} deserve what God ^{may} ~~will~~ bring to the nation. So that, now in chapter 40 ~~prophecy~~ on Isaiah is dealing very gently with his people. He is trying to keep ^{he is} them from despairing, /trying to comfort them hard, but along with the comfort he is little by little bringing ~~to~~ attention to the matter of sin, that is, even in the godly, and to the condition that the people will be in exile. _____ 14.5

They say, O, if only God will deliver us from it. How wonderful that would be!

A lot of them are looking at the ^{14.25} _____ instead of looking at the real relationship with God. And so little by little from chapter ^s /40 to 46, he ~~is~~ is little by little bringing attention back to this matter. After all we are all tempted to look at the external things. We get some sickness in the family.

We think, O if God will deliver such a person, ¹⁴ [?] O if He will save me from this illness, we get all our thoughts tensed stressed on to that, and he wants us to realize that far more important than that is our relation to Him, and the sin that is in us more important than any particular material thing ^s /we have to struggle. That is very hard for the godly people in the Christian churches to realize. And it's even hard for for the Christian workers/ to realize. Yes, it sounds simple, but when it comes to actual, emotional realization of it, it is hard. And so ~~he~~ he is trying to bring the stress on to this, and to develop the realization that this question has got to be dealt/ with above all.

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