

Next class.

Yesterday, we noticed this new section which begins here, and we noticed the difference between chapter 40 and the following chapters. Personally, I think the archbishop made the division here, in exactly the right place. 40 on, is one section. From 39 to 40 is an extremely vital division. This is a minor division, between 40 and 41, but a very definite division. And in chapter 40 we have these general themes which characterize the section as a whole, or at least, the beginning of the section as a whole. It is interesting that chapter 40 presents the ~~human~~ theme in clear form, at the beginning and yet in such a way that when you get through you can go back and find that it is in a way that it is a conclusion. But a conclusion only to these particular themes. There are new themes which are in a way more important than those we've already had, which are not anticipated in the first chapters. But which we need to understand, in order to fully understand the bearing of ~~the~~ some of the sections of this first chapter.

Now we were looking I believe at the end of the hour in about the middle of the chapter. And we noticed the stress on God's omnipotence, His creative power, in verse 12; in verse 13, His omniscience, His understanding. 13, and 14. 15, is again His omnipotence of course. I hope that everyone is following this in your Bible. You should have right from the start of course. Verse 15, His omnipotence again, and 16, and 17. And then that goes on fairly readily from the theme of omnipotence, into that of idolatry, which is discussed rather fully, which I hope you've already learned from your study of this passage, in verses on through verse 20. And then in 21, you really have just an explanation. It doesn't say anything but in relation to what precedes and follows, it is the transition from the folly of idolatry, one of the great themes of the whole section of the book, up to again the omnipotence of God, in verse 22. "It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretched out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in; that bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yes, they shall not be planted; yes, they shall not be sown;" ~~man~~

— The vanity of human beings before the power of God. Omnipotence again. 25, the same, 26, the same, 27, He turns back to directly to the people. "Why do you say, O Jacob,