

Why did he encourage the goldsmith? What did the carpenter and the goldsmith have to do by it? Well, the natural thing to do faced with a great danger like this, is to build a new idol. The carpenter encouraged the gold smith, and he that smoothed with the hammer, him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering; and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved." They built a new fine idol. To propitiate to God. That gave themselves renewed confidence. But the Lord says these idols can not protect them from the advance of the Persian empire, because he says, he has raised up the Persian empire, and it will conquer as much as He chooses, that it shall conquer, and He says that Israel should not be frightened by these others, and should not resort to idols for protection like these others, because Israel is in a different situation. Yes?

5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (Question: Verse 2, can Cyrus be called the righteous man? ) Whom, he called in righteousness. God is righteous. It is highly questionable whether Cyrus is righteous, and so it is probably putting the righteousness with God rather than Cyrus, ~~through~~ which would be a very good idea, if it can be properly done. I haven't examined it carefully that minor. Cyrus is the one God raised up. (Questions). Whom victory beats at every step. That is typical of the R.S.V. They like to change righteous to victorious. And they do that in the prediction of the triumphal entry, where it says in Zechariah, that He is righteous, and fully of mercy. They say ~~that~~ He is victorious and full of victory. Thus, they make it a conqueroring figure, instead of it being Christ. And then the New Testament quotes it in a different way, and it shows how the New Testament misuses the Old. But actually the way the King James has it is, is possible.

It is too bad, that the R.S.V. having done so much that is good, in giving us a ~~translation~~ translation in modern language, just ruined it by putting in so many incorrect translations scattered here. 9/10 of it is excellent. 1/10 of it is poisonous, which makes it a dangerous book for the average Christian reader. A dangerous book for anyone to read unless you ~~detect~~ <sup>read</sup> it with your Hebrew right along, and if you do, you will find it very helpful in many places, and you can cast out the places where it is wrong.

Well, verse 8, then turns to Israel, and He says, "But thou, Israel, are in a different situation." Why, why is Israel in a different situation? Is it because God