

yet, he said, there is a wonderful organization and a wonderful one ~~like~~ fine. But the impression you get is that there is a wonderful organization but it is pretty hard to tell what it is. It is pretty hard to tell what any of it means.

Well, now, I contend that as you examine Isa. 40 to 55 you see Isa. talking to the people in the exile, telling them they are going to return from exile, and as he does so, bringing them important spiritual lessons which we look forward to Jesus ~~Christ~~ Christ and we look forward to the church of the present day. But the relationship ^{to} of the church of the present day and to Christ is a definite precise thing which has a logical relationship¹ to what is given and there is nothing desultory about it at all. It is not anything accidental, there is nothing vague about it. There may be things that we don't understand, but there is a tremendous amount that we do understand. And half of the time I think we understand practically all of it, when we study it. And we find that it is just as clear as any part of the Bible anywhere. It is not a desultory combination of a lot of vague figures of things. And that is some people's misuse of the word spiritualizing. Meaning make a thing so figurative that nobody knows what it means. Here is something which is talking about a particular historical situation, while making a prediction of particular events. And they spiritualize it, which means that they make it just a vague some general spiritual truth which nobody can tell exactly what it means. I do not think that is a fair way ~~to~~ to interpret Scripture or anything else. There are figures of speech, and we must see what the ~~figures~~ figures of speech are, and what they mean. And some of them ~~may~~ may be obscure and difficult and there are statements in the Gospels that are very difficult to understand, ~~and~~ some of them not the least bit hard to understand, and some of them are definite direct statements that are hard for us to understand. There are problems in any book we interpret, any book that any man has ever written, to know exactly what all of it means. There are problems in all of them.

But figures of speech do not necessarily introduce a problem. But it is