

ableness, or pointing out God's wonderful mercy and saying in view of this, why do you turn away. You can refer to God's mercies in the past for many different purposes. You can refer to them for rebuke to people who have turned away from God, now. Or you can do it for encouragement for people who are trusting God. It all depends what it means. ^And so here I guess you can say that the purpose of the passage is rebuke. Through verse 6 and through verse 7, how about verse 8/

What is the purpose of verse 8? It is the same thing, rebuke. What about verse 9. Same thing. And how about 10. He says look at all these other people. Verse 10 doesn't mean anything until you take 11 with it. Look at these other nations, he says. See if there is any such thing as 11 says, have the nations changed their God? These nations, he said, have idols which have no power, they don't exist. But these people are ... (6 $\frac{1}{2}$) to their idols. He says, but my people have changed their glory for that which does not prosper.

A man told me, he said, he took a trip across the ocean on a cruise. And they went to Palestine. And he got off at Palestine. And the cruise went around the Mediterranean and came back, and it was a mixture of Europeans and Americans, and there were two rather ungodly fellows on the cruise who were just out for the trip, and didn't have any interest in anything vital and real. And he said, they got to Constantinople and there in January, it was cold, and there they went on a sightseeing tour of ~~Constantinople~~ Constantinople, and there they saw some Mohamedans going into the mosque and they washed their feet out in front of the mosque in the cold water there, preparing to go in, in order that they wouldn't dirty the floors of the mosque. They are not allowed to wear shoes inside. And, he said, these two men saw the ~~Mohammedans~~ Mohammedans washing their feet in the cold previous to going into the mosque and they said, my there must be something to this matter of religion, after all. That these folks will undergo that misery for the sake of their religion. Well, now, that is exactly the argument he is using. He said, you will find people throughout the world, the things they will do for their religion which