

eyes away from men. He turned his eyes away from ^{the} great King Mzziah, that man of great promise and terrible disappointment. He turned his eyes away from them and he saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

I imagine that most of you have heard the story about Martin Luther's experience in this connection but it is one that is worth repeating. One time when the peasant's war was going on in Southern Germany and people who ^{claimed} came to be following Luther's teachings were actually going absolutely against everything he had taught and all through the land the word was being spread. This is the sort of thing that comes from following those teachings of Martin Luther. Luther began to be very discouraged. And there in his home in Wittenburg, as he heard the news from different parts of Germany, and as he heard how the voices of wickedness were coming forward and everything seemed to be failing, he fell into deep gloom and day after day he could hardly speak, he was so sad and miserable. And then one morning Martin Luther came down to breakfast and he looked up as his wife came in and sat down at the table, and she was dressed in black, in deep mourning. And Luther thought, has something happened that I haven't heard about? Has someone died that I haven't been told about at all? And he turned to her and ^{he} said, "Kate, who has died?" And she said, "God is dead." And he looked at her. He said, "What blasphemy are you saying? What a terrible thing to say, that God is dead." And Kate said to him, "Well, I couldn't understand why you were the way you have been the last few days if God is still living. I thought He must be dead." ~~and~~ Martin Luther saw the point and he turned his eyes away from human circumstances and he looked to God, the creator and controller of the universe, and he was filled with joy that God had saved him from his sins, that God had permitted him to begin a great work, and that whatever happens in this world, God is holding it in the hollow of His hands and nothing can happen except it be God's plan." It would be a wonderful thing for all of us if we would more and more turn our eyes away from the things around us and see a vision of God. This is, I believe, the first requisite of successful service to Christ, is to have a vision of God.

But you know Isaiah had a second vision, immediately thereafter, a vision which is not quite so obvious to us. He had a vision ^{there} which, I am afraid, is not the reaction of a great many people when they see this wonderful vision of God. But it is the reaction that we ought to have. The second vision that is necessary for effective Christian service is a vision of one's self. "Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." If you have seen a vision of the holiness, the righteousness, the goodness of God, do you then realize your own situation? Do you then have a vision of yourself?

Dr. R. A. Torrey told me once that one day he was talking with a man whose name was at that time known from one end of this country to the other, and this man said to Dr.