

interpretation of the Scripture, and it was given in a beautiful voice and it made a great effect on those who heard it, but it certainly was not Christian preaching. But we who believe in a God who is a God of justice can have perfect confidence that the Judge of all the earth does do right and will do right but we need not expect to understand the details of it ~~at~~ now. But God is working in this world in order to gather out a people for His name. He is working in this world in order to bring the truth to people's hearts. He is working in this world in order to cause that many shall come to know Jesus Christ as saviour and that we shall grow in the knowledge of the Lord. And everything is worked for that purpose. And that leads us to C under these further instructions.

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C/ The Blue Ribbon. vs. 37-41 (Reading text, vs. 37-41). Why have a section here about this blue ribbon to be on their garments? Well the people were now to be scattered through the wilderness. They went about here and there with their little flocks and herds taking care of themselves, coming together on occasional circumstances. They had 38 yrs. there. And here was a special thing, and indication to turn their attention so that when they see this unusual thing, this blue border on their garments. They see it and they say, What's that for? Oh that to remind me of the Lord and his goodness and to follow His will. And I believe this is put here to remind ~~us~~ us as we go on our<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pilgrimage of the importance of reminders. It is very important that we have reminders. And this is the purpose of the sacraments. The sacrament is certainly nothing magical. A person is not saved because he is baptized, or lost because he isn't. A child does not receive the Lord's blessing because his parents have had him baptised, or lose it because they haven't. But a child does have very special blessing if the child has Christian parents, and the baptism is to remind those parents of their duty and to remind them of the fact that God has a covenant relationship with them and the children. A person does not grow spiritually because he attends the communion service, because he eats of that particular food and drinks some grape juice or something. But a person through these things is reminded of/death of the Lord Jesus/<sup>the</sup> Christ till He comes. And through the baptism, through the Lord's Supper, through services we make vivid and remind people of the matters He wants us to remind them of. A blessing at meals does not bring the