

How wonderful that God enabled Isa. in those days of increasing darkness as the exile was coming on, to see a picture of how God beyond the exile, beyond the misery, was going to cause His work to spread out through the world, but to spread out in the face of persecution, of difficulty, of treachery, with many turning against it but God's blessing upon those who would stay true. And that He enabled us as we ~~sh~~ see how this is fulfilled in the ages past and is still being fulfilled to see what is yet ahead, that there is still a time of misery and suffering still ahead for this world, but that God is going to intervene in His own time, that He is going to seize Satan and bind him for 1000 years and Jesus Christ will reign in Mt. Zion and in Jerusalem and before His ancients gloriously. We don't know when that is going to come. It may be very soon. It may be far off, but if it ^{should} be tomorrow; it ^{to} should be 15 years from now, /how of you will He be able to say, During these 15 years he served me faithfully; he spread my Word, ~~sh~~ he brought souls to the knowledge of Christ; he showed people how to grow in grace and to understand the Word. Or is he going to say, After 3 yrs. of trying to ^{somewhere.} carry on a witness, he got discouraged and went and looked for a job teaching someth He found he could ~~get~~ more money in some other kind of work and so he quit the ministry. He decided he enjoyed something better than being God's representative during the difficulties that are upon us and that will probably grow greater as the power of liberalism is growing greater in our land and our external forces are becoming greater. What will He ^{say} day of you? What will your situation be in the millennium? Will l you look back and say, I indeed glorified Him even in the ^{midst of} fires? I glorified Him in spite of the treacherous dealers? Or will you say ~~yes~~ Yes, I tried, I started out, but then no church called me and I didn't feel like going out and beating the bushes and getting people together to tell them about the Lord, so I decided I should go and teach in the high school or something. What is He going to decide about each one of us? Will we carry on and keep our eyes on the Lord and do His will? Or will we become discouraged and turn aside. Oh may the Lord enable us as we read of Isaiash's vision of the future, may he enable us to determine that we will glorify Him even in the midst of the fires if necessary. That we will not allow the ~~of~~ treacherous dealers to turn us aside. That we will not allow the wiles of Satan to be successful against us, but that He will make