

going to hurt you? Don't you smoke, it'll cut your life down and all this kind of junk! What did we let him in here for anyway? But now he's gotten going and Isaiah turns to them in v. 11 and answers what they have been saying in a low tone.

"But with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest . . . here a little there a little . . . (reading vv. 11-13). He says, If you won't listen to the preaching of the Word of God; if you won't listen to what He gives you, He will speak to you with stammering lips and another tongue. You will find the Assyrian troops that you think are going to deliver you from Israel they are going to come into your land, and they are going to talk to you with what sounds to you like stammering lips, with another tongue. You will find the harsh accents of the conquerors will be the way God will talk to you when you won't listen to His <sup>prophets</sup> prophepts now and follow His will. The word of the Lord that you won't take when it's given to you is going to be to you precept on precept, line on line. You're criticizing me for it. You will get it in a stronger way. He continues: Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men who rule the people who are in Jerusalem. You have said, We've made a covenant with death and with hell are we in agreement. We know how terrible those Assyrians are and how they have conquered nation after nations. How they have destroyed them and led people after people into captivity. We know that, but we've made a covenant with them, we've made a covenant with death. We are in agreement with hell. They are going to come and attack Israel. We are going to pay them a large indemnity and we'll be their allies. We're perfectly safe. We've formed an alliance with wickedness in order to get our protection from Israel. Isaiah says, You say we've made a covenant with death, and that with