

So Micah's concluding verse is a little difficult to understand. Here Isaiah didn't copy what he said. Instead he (v.5 in Isa. 2) said, "Come O house of Jacob, Let us walk in the light of the Lord." Isaiah said, "This prediction Micah gave fits the vision so perfectly and God gave me the same vision I'm going to use the same words to describe it and I begin it, This is a vision Isaiah saw as well as Micah. Then he ends it with taking Micah's last verse and making it a little bit clearer--Come and let us walk in the light of the Lord."

The Lord thought this vision so important He caused it to be contained twice in His word--the prediction of the wonderful time coming on this earth. It is not a prediction of heaven. It's not a prediction of peace in the heart. Those are wonderful promises and wonderful things to know that God gives peace in the heart in the midst of difficulties and troubles. That he can enable us to go ~~into~~ through difficulties with our minds set on Him, and we need it in this day of wickedness and suffering. We need these wonderful blessings. Isn't it grand to know that God has promised that the time of upheaval and turmoil which we are in today and which it looks like it will get much worse before it gets better, it is wonderful to know that God has promised that there is a day coming when God will judge among many nations and they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks and when there will be no danger of war or of criminal activity. They will sit under their own vines and fig trees in perfect peace. We cannot do that today. We read in our papers about the terrible things that happen.

There was a man in California who assaulted a young girl in her late teens and raped her, cut off her arms above the hands and left her to bleed to death. Fortunately someone came by and found her and was able to save her life. If no one had found her and she had bled to death that man would either have been put in the electric chair or at least been given a life sentence. But since somebody rescued her so she didn't die, therefore they could not consider him as a murderer so he was given a term of 14 and a half years. He only served 8 of it and then they said that he had paid his debt to society and they let him go! In that particular case people were so afraid he would do the same thing over again that every place they tried to have him live, the people made a tremendous protest about it. But they said, "He paid his debt to society! You have to let him go!" Well, if he had died he would not have paid his debt to society and certainly what he was doing as far as he was concerned she was murdered.

But our whole legal system, our whole life system is shot through with sin and with senselessness and that is the situation in which we need to have the love of Christ in our hearts, the love of Christ toward all and we need to have peace that He can give us in the midst of difficulties because none of us knows when we might be the next victim. But we are told God is going to bring a time on this very earth when that will not be so. We can look forward to the fulfillment of this marvelous promise that He has given us.

Now I'm going to take about a 12 minute break and we will start again about 3 min. of 10.

The picture of the millennium Micah gives is a marvelous picture and a picture which in these days is very hard to believe that it will ever come to pass. People are ready to jump to hopes constantly. Back in 1945 as we noticed