

D. God's CARE is Right

1. From the scope of the predictive Scriptures this might seem like a trifling point. In the face of world challenge and the concern for the future, it might seem that we need something much more dramatic than this simple suggestion. Yet, at the heart of it, this is an extremely important practical lesson. If we can see it and believe it, it makes a tremendous difference in the way we perform. It was certainly a large problem with Israel...and their resultant unwillingness to trust themselves to his care made their lives miserable.

Again, all of the history in the Word of God fairly screams this at us. His care is right. But in the predictive passages...in seeing how he worked his plan to perfection...we are able to study the entire matter and see not only the setting but also the outcome. Observing how perfectly his work is achieved, we ought to be able to see the truth of his care. We learn this more from the predictive passages than elsewhere since, as I have observed, we can see the total picture and rely more completely on the working of God.

2. Discussing this against the background of Isaiah and what may be seen there, we are able to make some very pointed observations:

a. God knows the circumstances.

This is a truth that must be drummed into our minds. The most logical thing to come to the Adamic mind when trouble occurs is that one has been forgotten...even by his God. In the Isaiah passage we discover that the Lord knows not only the situation as far as the enemy is concerned...he knows what the king things and plans and knows what the final outcome of it all will be. In a sense we may say that if he did not know the circumstances he would be a god chiefly involved in getting us out of hot water. But knowing all of these things we are forced to a rather happy conclusion, namely: that if God did not