

appears impossible, but He is going to do it. Now, we have not this morning succeeded in covering as many chapters as we did last time, but then we only had one hour instead of two. We will meet again next Tuesday.//...end of P 203

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.....course in Prophetic books, I don't know whether we will be able to finish the book of Isaiah today, or not, but we'll see how far we can get. Of course, I don't feel that there is the idea that the study of the Bible means covering great long passages. What some people mean by English Bible is the study of tremendous passages till you get the high spots. I think that is very important, and very essential. Other people have the idea that the way to study the Bible is to take two verses and ~~spend~~ spend your life on them. Very close study to get accurate understanding of precise points is also tremendously important, and we need a certain amount of both, and so, as far as the particular course is concerned, whether it is more valuable to take two verses, and really get to the bottom of them, or to take 20 chapters and get them in relation to each other, is pretty difficult to say. We need a fair amount of both approaches. And so I don't think it is necessary we finish the book, but there are a number of vital matters we want to complete today, and then next week, of course, we have our last meeting together, at which I find out whether it has been worthwhile or not. And, at that time, of course, you understand that we will cover the ~~year~~ year's work. (discussion of exam 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6)

Well, now we were looking last time at 51. And on 51, I think we had barely started 51, hadn't we? Yes, in ch.51 we began looking, addressing the people who follow after righteousness, and seek the Lord, telling them to look to the way from which their national heritage comes. How do you come to say that you have any right to the Lord's blessing, you that are following after righteousness? Well, look at the rock from which you come. How did it begin? It began with Abraham and Sarah. What right did they have to claim the Lord's blessing? Because God called....7....., blessed them, and increased them. It is God's sovereign calling for His purpose. He has called Abraham in order