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must have that book and see what that book teaches. Well, somebody says, "Why, that's unscientific. We don't go to a book. We don't want to take what somebody says. We want to examine the facts for ourselves and immediately reminded when I hear that of the little boy who was asked by the teacher in examination, "Well, how do you know the earth is round?" "Well, he said, I guess the question was to give four evidences that the earth is round, and he said, "First, the teacher says so; second, my father says so; third, my mother says so; and fourth,                      says so," and after all, those evidences were the best evidences that the boy could have. He could read in the book that people had sailed around the earth but he had not done it. He could read in the book what people had observed, but he had to take it at their word. He got it by revelation, and in the sphere                      get our facts from the God that made the world. What does He say? We have to look to His revelation and see if it gives us the answer to the problems of evil, the answer to the question, "Is this God's world?" And the answer which must be given is both positive and negative. You cannot simply say, "This is God's world." You remember Browning's poem, "God's in His heaven. All's right with the world." It doesn't satisfy you. Things are all wrong and you just say, "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world;" there's plenty of evidence that everything isn't right any more and so we have to say that there are some ways in which it is right to say that this is God's world and there are other ways we must qualify it, and if we don't understand it correctly, if we do not see these qualifications. Now, of course first, this is God's world by creation. Genesis 1 and 2 give us the beautiful picture of the creation of this world and God saw it and it was good. Good principles, good foundation, good establishment of the world. God made it. It is God's and it is good, and we find in the Scripture that when the people of God begin to fear and to despair that God begins again to put emphasis upon this fact. the God has created the world and God who created the world is powerful enough to help you in all things. You remember when Job was in that terrible situation.