

that last Mon. morning we had a visitor here who was given the opportunity of the chapel service, and we told him that not all the people are in the building at the time and not all would be present. I was not here but I have been told that there were comparatively few here in chapel service and there were many out in the other room talking and even disturbing the meeting. Is not that not sinning against the Lord? Is that not neglecting the service of God in order to do that which you enjoy doing? It is good to read the newspaper and we should all keep up with current events to a certain extent. But it certainly is not the thing to read in the time of prayer. God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.

And then of course, our fifth facet is the most obvious one in the verse. The wages of sin is death. That which comes as a direct result of ~~saxth~~ sin to the one that performs it--This we would call The Penalty of Sin--the wages of sin is death. Any author of the economy of the universe must see that God must punish with eternal death, the attitude of disregard of His law and of turning against Him. You remember Lady MacBeth as she walks there in the evening and goes through the motion of washing her hands, she says, "All the water in all the seas cannot wash these little hadns clean." The sin that was upon her from the murder of the king was something from which there was no human way that she could possibly cure it. It is absolutely impossible that anything less than eternal death should be a penalty for sin--not just simple cessation of existence. What would that be? Just to be stopped in existing. That would be no punishment for the attitude of sin against God. Isaiah brings it out in the very last verse of his book where he says in Isa. 66:24--"And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched: and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." And our Lord Jesus Christ takes up those same words from Isaiah and makes very clear their application--in Mk.9:43-48 where he says that if thy hand offend thee cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than havking two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. Some people say that this is just an ~~exf~~ old quaint saying and description of the valley of Gehenna and has nothing to do with eternal suffering. If that is the case, the One who mis-