

Lecture #IV.

Tonight I would like to call your attention to a word in the book of Isaiah, the 41st chapter. God here throws out a challenge to the idols, a challenge to the gods of the heathen, which have no existence. He says, "Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen. (Isaiah 41:22 ff.) Let them show the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them: or declare us things for to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed and behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you".

God says these gods of the heathen are nothing,- they can't predict the future. And when He makes a challenge like that you cannot consider it wrong in us to reverse the challenge, and say, "If this is God's word, then let us see whether He can predict the future", and so that is our question tonight. Do we have proof that this is God's word, in that it predicts the future? Last night we looked at evidences of the accuracy of its statements regarding the past. We notice that where the Bible speaks of events in the time of Abraham or Jacob or Daniel or other ancient times, it speaks correctly, its statements are dependable. New evidence at point after point shows that we can trust the historical statements of the Bible. But tonight we are looking at a different type of evidence. Is there evidence in the Bible, not simply that it is true and dependable in one sense, but is there evidence that Someone spoke in the Bible who shows what no human being could possibly know? Is there evidence of a Knowledge that is able to predict the future?

I think we should think for a minute just what it means to predict the future. It is not such an easy thing to tell what is going to happen. We are always trying to do it, we have to do it, we have to make our plans. I have to make a prediction whether my train tonight is going to be on