

and cheered the people up, and had pleasant contact with them, and he wasn't injured. He was immune to the diphtheria. But he carried the germs on his clothes. And in the boarding house where he lived, 50 men were taken down with the diphtheria, and there were fifteen who died of it, because this man said, What does it matter to me? Look out for Number One. It is the attitude of sin.

And that leads us to what I think would be a fourth point we have mentioned here, which is brought out in this verse, that is deadliness of sin. We have noticed in these illustrations what the effect can be and often is of the attitude of sin. The deadliness of it in its results. But yet all the results can be just as deadly in other matters as they are in the particular instances at which we have looked. I heard a story one time of a missionary who started to go off to the heart of Africa, and they held a meeting in the church, and they gave him a fine send-off, and they said We will always remember you before the throne of grace. He went off, he and his wife, to the place in the heart of Africa, and after a short time his wife was taken sick and died and was buried there. He ran into difficulties and trouble, and finally became very ill, and recovered in the condition that he could never go back there, came back to this country, and one evening he came to the town just at the time when they were having the prayer meeting, and he dropped in and he sat in the back of the room, and the prayer meeting continued, and they came to the end of the prayer meeting, and he got up and went up to the front, and said he would like to say a word. And then he told them how he had gone off to Africa, as their missionary, and what an interest they had taken in the work that he had set out to do, and said they would remember him before the throne of grace. And he told the story of a man who had been let down into a deep cave to try to remedy something, and people had held the ropes, and promised to hold the ropes, and if somebody let go of the ropes, what would happen to the man, and he said, the ropes for me were the prayers that you folks promised to make in my behalf. And he said, I sat here tonight, through