

going to hide in her tent and if anybody asks she shall say no. He's commanding her to tell a lie, and to pick those words out of this, even though they appropriately fit a very true and valid idea, is in my opinion to do wrong to the Word of God. The Bible is either a collection of mottoes ^{from} ~~to~~ which we can pick a few words and you can find anything you want if you pick a few words, and you might as well use Shakespeare, you might as well use anything else, if you just want to take a few words and pay no attention to the context at all. And, in my opinion, the value of that sermon was tremendous ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ impressing this great truth of the importance of saying no in temptation, and so on. But the harm done by the sermon, in my opinion, was (7 3/4) greater than the good, because it ^{gives} ~~said~~ for one mind, perhaps unconsciously but nevertheless definitely the idea, that just a few words taken out of context can be taken and resorted to as the truth. God's Word is our source of guidance, it is our source of knowledge, and we must deal with it fairly, and not pick things out of context, and get out of them what they were never intended to say.

Now let us sing number 408.

Let us turn to the book of Isaiah, and in the book of Isaiah, let us look just for a minute at the 48th chapter, verse 3, following. The Lord said here, I have declared the former things from the beginning: and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass. Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; I have even from the beginning declared it to thee: before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

Transmute this into modern times and we, at least in our western nations, do not say my idol did it, my graven image, we say my strong arm did it, my clever intelligence did it, A few years ago a woman came to me, and she was very much excited. It was about 1945. She said five years ago there was a terrible thing that happened in Belgium. She said the German army broke through, they took France, Belgium, and Holland. The British force was closed up in a little area around Dunkirk. Hitler's radio was announcing that within three days all these soldiers, most of them then trained British soldiers, would be behind barbed wire. It looked as if all the continent of Europe was in Hitler's hands,