

which it speaks specifically of human beings being glorified and I believe that the chapter from verse 14 to the end of the chapter can well be considered to be one of the main divisions of the Book of Romans and could properly be headed "Glorification". But the theme of glorification though it is ~~concentrated~~ concentrated in this last two-thirds of the chapter is anticipated very strongly in the earlier part of the chapter so that in a sense the whole chapter can be considered as under this theme. That is to say in Romans, as in most books, there is not a subject discussed and then a sharp line drawn, an absolute watertight compartment, and then a new subject is taken up and then under this new subject you go on to something entirely different. But the subjects, particularly in the first two-thirds of the Book of Romans are going from one to another in an ascending order (?) and consequently there is much overlapping back and forward as the thought goes from one to the other. And so the section of the Book of Romans which deals with sanctification - which includes chapter 6 and 7 and 8, up to the end of the 13th verse here, is followed by the section on glorification. But the section on glorification is very definitely anticipated in this latter part of the section on sanctification. Now we then are taught here in Romans that if we believe in Christ, we have looked to Him and been saved through His precious blood, we have turned from our sins and believed on Him, and been born again by His wonderful miraculous power, that He is not going to stop there but that glorification is sure to be ours. And I would like to look with you this morning a little at this chapter from this viewpoint - to see the various aspects of glorification which are brought out in this chapter here. And the first aspect which is brought out is that with which the chapter begins. And it certainly is fundamental glorification-without it there could be no such thing. How could one have glory? How could one be glorified if within him there was a consciousness that he was deserving of punishment, a consciousness of guilt, a consciousness that it was not proper that he should receive his glory. I may have mentioned once before on this chapter an instance in which I saw the man who seemed to me to be occupying a rather glorious position. It was when we were in Wilmington and I had occasion ~~one time~~ one time to visit the municipal court. There in the municipal court I saw a gentleman standing there before the court with a long black robe on and speaking with great dignity and dealing with the affairs of the individuals who came before him in a very authoritative manner. There was a case