He came up to Jael and said to her hide me in your tent, and he said to her, stand in the door of the tent, in verse 20, and it shall be when any man doth come and inquire of thee, say is there any man here, that thou shalt say no. A wicked man told a woman to tell a lie, and to take that as a text of a good attitude is certainly using the word of God despitefully, and bringing it to disrepute. I feel that it is a thing we must carefully avoid and yet you will find some of the finest preachers do it. They get an idea and look for a few words to (5 1/4)

That's not the way God wants us to use His word.

Heard someone ask a wquestion yesterday, how can we know that the passage we are reading today is the passage that Tood wants us to use today. Well, I think that just a word on that might be worth considering. It seems to me that God could easily, if he chose, have made us machines. He'd press a button and we'd go this way. He'd press a button and we'd go that way. Why does he need to have preachers serving him, who are falling, and are turning aside, and misunderstanding, and doing wrong? He could just have had a robot, 50 buttons, you press this button and you do this, press this button and you do that. God didn't want that kind of Christian. God chose to create us as beings who had the possibility of sinning, the possibility of turning away from him, and God wants to develop in us character that can serve him aright and love him and can do good work, and while I believe that at crucial circumstances in our lives, God will interfere in such a way as to lead us rightly, I think that God's greater desire for us, far greater than if we do today what He wants us to do today, is that we develop characters which are in line with his purposes. And so I think that His will for us is that we take His Word and study it all and that we learn what it all means and that we go through it and take section after section, mand not just hop and skip and jump and try to find what may be of help to me today.