

the hearing of his ears". Well this certainly fits with the Lord Jesus Christ. When He was here upon earth He knew what people thought. He knew the inner ideas that they had. He understood human nature thoroughly. He did not speak like the scribes and Pharisees, He spoke with authority because He knew all things. Certainly this describes Him. But is this a description of what He did at His first coming, or is it a description of what He is going to do at His second coming. Well, we go on to verse 4. "But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, - Well, He certainly judged the poor with righteousness at His first coming to some extent but surely this can fit with what we hope He will do at His second coming. Then we go on, 'And reprove with equity for the meek of the earth' Did He reprove with equity at His first coming, or did he not ^{mostly} go about as a simple teacher? Well He did reprove, He went into the Temple. He drove out the money-changers. He reprovved with equity to some extent. But does this sound as though it is something that relates to the earth as a whole rather than to just the small amount of reprovving He did then? We continue, "He will reprove with equity for the meek of the earth and he will smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked." That does not describe the first coming of Christ. That doesn't fit with it at all does it? That shows Him coming with power and with the breath of His lips slaying the wicked. That fits perhaps with what He will do at His second coming, but it hardly seems to fit with His first coming. And then it continues with another statement about Him which could fit Him at any time. - Verse 5 = And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His waist. ' That could fit His first coming or His second coming. It's a description of Him rather than of what He does at a particular time. But now from vs. 6 on to vs. 9 we have a description of the results of His activity. As a result of His activity, a certain condition is going to be established. And what is this condition that is going to be established as a result of the coming of Christ? As we noticed, part of this statement/sounds as though it means His second coming rather than the first. Parts of it could fit either one. But what is the condition He is going to establish? Verses 6 through 9. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the