

a mining community where they had many single men who lived in boarding houses and also many families living in their own separate houses, and there was a family where there ~~was~~ they had a bad case of diptheria. And he put up the sign that said no one should come in at all into the house, and there was a man in the boarding house who had had diptheria before and knew that he was immune to it, and he was a very good friend of the man in the house. He said, I know I won't get the disease I won't need to worry about it and I want to see him. Why should he be there alone shut off from me? So he would sneak in through the back door after dark when people would not see, and have a visit with the man. And he didn't get the diptheria, but he carried it with him to the boarding house where he stayed, and 70 men got it and about 50 of them died from it.

And so we see what can happen when the importance of isolation from that which is harmful, which is evil is overlooked, not cared for. I met a man once in Constantinople who told me that a few years before he had been in Russia when there was a great cholera epidemic, and he said that he was in a hotel where there were about 40 people in the hotel and he said every one of them except himself died. He said he was immune to the cholera so that he did not die, but thousands of people were dying, and he said that he was not a Russian, he had been there visiting. He said that when he came to the border, they gave him about six different examinations before they would let him out. It took a long time before he was able to get out, because the nations around were very much afraid of anybody coming from the country when they had that terrible epidemic. And so here the Lord gave this provision that Israel as they went through should be protected from the spread of contagion. I heard a story not long ago about a group of missionary interpreters of the Bible who were very very anxious to get to new tribes that had never been reached. And they went to a tribe way in an isolated section of South America which had practically no contact with the outside world. They were only 2 or 300 people in the tribe but they went <sup>in order</sup> there to try to bring them the Gospel, and I don't how many of them