

Yet we must realize that God appoints certain people in certain situations to take leadership, and as long as these people keep their eye on the Lord and are truly following Him, there is many indication that we must do what they ask us to do even if we do not see the full end of it, and even if it seems rather ridiculous to us in the immediate situation. That was the way with this man. He said, Why should I hurt him? He's a good fellow. I like that fellow. Why he's even a prophet of the Lord. Why should I smite him? But we read in vs. 36: Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold as soon as thou art departed from me, behold a lion shall slay thee. As soon as he departed from him a lion found him and slew him. Who says God is just? Here's a man who is just a kind fellow. He refuses to obey a ridiculous command to strike a man who had not done anything against him, and yet he is killed. A lion attacks him and slays him. How can you believe in a Bible that contains things like that?

The trouble with too many people is, the question is Is God just, does God do what is right? Instead of how do we learn what is right by finding what God says. God teaches us His law, and we must learn the Law ~~for~~ from God. We can't judge God. Now God certainly did not cause that a lion should strike every man who refused to obey a prophet of the Lord. Not at all! We can make terrible mistakes, and God will not reduce us for it. But in this case, God chose to give a lesson for our edification. All men will die something. It was not such a tremendous difference whether this man died then, or died a bit later. But God chose in this case to show the importance of helping His workers in His work by causing that this man who put his own ideas ahead of God's command, that this man should be slain by the lion at this time. So as soon as he left him a lion found him and slew him. Then he found another man, and he said, Smit~~e~~ me I pray thee. And this man was either a man ~~h~~ who ~~i~~ had more loyalty to the Lord, was more ready to do what the Lord said, or he was a man who