

they say she was in a boat and the captain said the things have gone, there is nothing we can do, all we can do is pray. The woman said, Has it come to that. It should not ~~be~~ be the thing that comes to the last thing we think of to pray to the Lord. It should be the first thing we think of, because God is interested in ~~a~~ every aspect of our lives, but He finds it necessary in time to put us where there is nothing else we can turn to. We have to think of Him because there is nothing else, and so here He says "Sanctify ~~us~~ ~~m~~ ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord." They ~~said~~ say that the great evangelist Finney, who was the founder of Oberlin college and one time in his later years was asked to hold a prayer meeting, because they had had a very long drought, there had been no rain for a long time. The crops were ~~drying~~ ~~us~~ up. Nothing was growing. It looked as if a miserable situation was ahead if ~~we~~ they didn't get some relief. They said, Mr. Finney Would you hold a prayer meeting, will you lead a prayer meeting. And they say that the people gathered in the church for the prayer meeting, and it was absolutely dry and hot and not a ~~cloud-of~~ sign of a cloud in the sky and Mr. Finney wasn't there yet. And they ~~was~~ waited and just at the time of the prayer meeting they looked out the door and they saw Mr. Finney coming and carrying an umbrella in his hand. And everybody began to laugh. They said What on earth is he carrying an umberebella for on a day like this. Well, Finney said if we are going to pray for rain, Don't you think that the Lord can answer our prayers. I think we should be prepared. And they said when the prayer meeting came to an end, rain was pouring down and Mr. Finney was the only man there who had an umbrella. Well, that was the situation here. There may have been other causes mixed up with it, but the worse thing at this time was the locust plague, and so verse 15 unfortunately is a verse that has done more to ~~en~~ confuse people about the meaning of this than any other. ~~A~~ Verse