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here He is giving them the/~~warmer~~ rain moderately. He will cause it ~~to~~ to come down in the former rain and the latter rain. The Lord gives us what we need --He doesn't go from one ~~to~~ extreme to the other extreme the way we human beings are doing all the ~~to~~ time. And so the Lord gave them deliverance from this great situation ~~to~~ which they had gone through, andverse 25, "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath ~~eat~~ eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the ~~to~~ palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. and ye shall ~~et~~ eat in plenty." I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten. How good God is sometime to restore to us that which has been lost and that which has been wasted, but ~~les~~ lets not count on it in advance. How easy it is for us to neglect the Lord and turn aside and say When I'm older I am going to turn to Him. I'm going to make my last years count for Him- the Lord. We can't do that and expect Him to restore to us the years that the locust has eaten. But when through our carelessness , our errors, we make mistakes , we ~~wil~~ look back and say Oh, what I could have done , if I had understood the situation better , If I had only taken a hold of it as I should we ~~could~~ can know in His goodness that God may be willing to restore unto us the years that the locusts has eaten. How wonderfully good our Lord is, and so He makes these promises to these ~~peope~~ people and I believe that the situation in the time of Joel runs up to verse 27 and there in verse 27 he tells what the result of this plague is "And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and ~~noe~~ none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And then having discussed the immediate situation and show what a great ~~cas~~ catastrophe they had gone through and how God had delivered them from it. Then the Lord caused to have this as a text to look forward into the future and to give them the promise of the wonderful blessing yet to come. And so we have in verse ~~to~~ 8 to 32 he tells us what is going to come to pass afterward , and from 28 to 32 what happens afterward is described and the