

the American civil war the laws of warfare were followed to an extent you could hardly find to compare with in any other war. Because both sides were declaring that if they could be shown by Scripture that they were wrong, they were ready to admit their wrong. Both sides were trying to carry on their war in a civilized way. That is rare, particularly in any kind of civil wars.

Charles Dickens hated this country because there were unscrupulous printers who printed his books here and did not pay him any royalties for them. No international copyright. He took a trip in the U.S. When the President of the U.S. invited him to dinner, he said it does not suit my convenience. When he got home he wrote a book in which he spoke about the U.S. and the way it irritated him. But Charles Dickens said when he traveled through this country that a woman could walk anywhere in this country at any hour of the day or night without fear of molestation. From one who was not a friendly witness, that was a tremendous witness to the fact -- of course it may not have been as fine as he described, but there certainly was a knowledge of God in our communities and it showed itself and God has wonderfully blessed us.

Today we find the Bible taken out of schools; prayer forbidden in schools. They are not only trying to throw out all Christian celebrations from the schools, we are getting to the situation again where we are desert but we are a worse desert than we were before, because it is not a desert that is a lack of material conveniences-- we have all those. It is a desert in which the _____ and the vulgarity, and the suggestions of evil would not be spoken of in decent society _____ and today they are constantly _____. Our nation has become a desert, and God calls us to be a voice in the wilderness calling, Make straight a highway for our God.

God says, Every valley shall be raised up; every mountain and hill made low, the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain . . . A voice says, Cry out, and I said, What shall I cry? All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field." Made to feel that in my accident a few days ago. In a few seconds _____. We are in the Lord's hands. He controls all things. How wonderful to know we can trust Him to control and nothing can hurt us except as He permits it. He controls all things, and we are like grass.

The grass withers and the flowers fall because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass . . . but the word of our God stands forever." How we need to realize the truth of that in these days.

About 10 years ago I came across a textbook on the OT which in the ad by the publisher said in this book on introduction to the OT was widely used in colleges and universities. I wrote and asked how many used it as a text. They wrote back and said (I believe it was) 400 and 50 colleges and universities had adopted