

figs and the naughty figs--very clearly that is not moral evil, but it means that these were figs of naught and worthless. It is a little hard to know just how to deal with this material here in Isaiah. We could take from Isa. 40 ff. and rush through and give you a quick view of the main features and in a way that would give you a better understanding of 40 to 52, than to give the same material spread out over two weeks instead of an hour. Then we would of course miss a lot of incidental features along the way. I trust that you are also watching the main features as we look at the incidentals which of course is all related and the passages are closely knit and it is not just a whole lot of ideas simply thrown out at random--there is a very closely knit structure and I am very sorry if any of you have missed it by stopping to labor on the incidentals.

214--Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, say What makes thou--it reminds you of _____ who said that he would accept the universe and Carlyle said that he had better, meaning these were like the people who wouldn't accept anything--that is exactly what many people do with the universe as they look about them, see the things happening and can hardly believe it so they turn their back to the facts as they see them. God does not want us to do that but He wants us to face the facts of the universe about us. It is not a question of whether or not we like it but the question is --what is the truth? When we do get a plan of what God has revealed, then we need to fit all the pieces together and so that is brought out very clearly in v. 9. Then we go on and find the inter-relation and we can see how it all fits together and so that is brought out very strongly in v. 9. It is actually unthinkable, illogical to say you won't believe in God because He has done something. The question is what is the reason for His doing of this thing? Ill. of walking with a friend in Germany and it was snowing and we were up on a hill and he said if it did not say _____, then he would not come down so I had a picture of him sitting up there for the rest of his life. It is like the attitude many people take in life and they give the silliest excuses for not accepting God's will and plan for their lives and sometimes the way to deal with it is with a sharp retort but in most cases it is not the way to procure the effect desired. God has a plan, God has established it, He is going to bring to pass His wonderful purpose and v. 13 is again bringing the power of God but employing the wisdom of God. It is part of God's plan. Cyrus is not going to permit the Jews to buy their freedom but he is going to allow them to freely leave Babylon and go out and freely go back and I have never