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 The answer is not a direct answer given. After you give the answer to the statement and then you know what the answer is and the answer is what is stated. The answer is simply implied. He does not say there is anything either implied or not implied. It is a rhetorical question. Do you think you are lost and that God will simply cast you off and lose interest in you? He then says to show him the evidence that that is the case. Where is the bill of your mother's divorce? Which creditor of mine did I sell you to? I got something out of selling you. I didn't give your mother a divorce or any such thing. You sold yourself and it's your transgression that resulted in your mother's present situation. The mother is here a figurative term altogether. It refers to the nation as a whole and the mother of the individual member. He asks a specific question and there is not an answer because the question is uncertain. The rhetorical question is very effective and I think once of the discussion in the Presbytery in Phila. and about the thinking missions in the church. The general of the assembly was there and he approved the actions of the general assembly and it gave its approval and someone said that all of this was approved by a committee set and I asked who the committee was. I was going on to show they were out of sympathy with the great truths of the church and one of the men said, you wonder who they are, well, here they are. And then he started reading off the names and going down the list. He was looking for the chance to bring out the fact that ministers were the prominent ones in the church. What they said must be right. I knew their names as well as he did but I was asking a rhetorical question and to give me a chance to find out the fact that these men were men of a certain type and he jumped in and seized the opportunity to try to heckle me and twist me into telling a different impression from what I was giving. My question was a rhetorical statement and not an actual question. That is just what this is here. Where is the evidence? What did I get out of it? What came to me? It was no benefit to me or to God in the external fashion and it was quite the opposite in fact. It results in people saying that God does not amount to anything and they then say Babylon is greater than he and they destroy His city and His temple and He is just a figment of the imagination. It is not from the lack of my interest in you but you did it yourself. Your transgressions have resulted in the situations that you are in. Why was it that when I came there was no man? When I called there was none to answer and my hand shortened that it cannot redeem and have I no power to deliver and these rhetorical questions stress the greatness of God. It is again the vital fact and the people had not gone into Babylonia as in exile because

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