

did not seek me. I've shown myself to those who did not ask for me. And there is a footnote. And the footnote under this verse says, Isaiah 65: 1. Then he quotes Isaiah 65: 2 and there is a footnote referring to that. And so anybody using the R.S.V. should look up the footnote and they would find in Isaiah 65: 1, it says, "I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me. I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, here am I, here am I, to a nation that did not call on my name." And so you have Paul completely misunderstanding the Old Testament, according to the R.S.V. And using a verse as proof that the turning of the Gentiles has nothing to do with the Gentiles, but is simply stating how God had wished the Israelites had been true to Him because He wanted to help them. It had nothing to do with the Gentiles. That's the way that Paul took it. That's the natural way to understand it, the forms. That is the way these forms are translated in the other case I know of, and that fits the context because the prayer properly understood is not a wonderful prayer of Godly Israel asking for help. But is the presentation of the attitude of the people which God gives them. And therefore we do not have an answer to this beautiful prayer given in Isaiah 65, the last half of it telling of the wonderful blessings God is going to give Israel, preceded by an unrelated section of His people but we have an answer to the prayer which starts right at the ~~the~~<sup>1</sup> beginning of 65 and He answers the prayer by rebuking the people.

I have never liked that song, "Teach me the patience of -.

Isaiah 71.

I feel that no is an answer. God may choose to say no to our prayer. But I feel that if we are really in right relationship to God, He'll give us something just as good. It doesn't seem to me that we should simply have the patience to go on praying and praying and never getting an answer. We may find our answer through studying the Word. We may find the answer through what God brings to pass. We may find our answers through the blessing in our heart. But I think we are going to find an answer. And the answer may be no, or the answer may be keep on. ~~the an~~ Unanswered prayer may be prayer that you don't see the answer yet. But keep on praying and know that God will give it. So that's the prayer of faith. Whether you pray the prayer of faith, surely you have the answer already. You know that if it is the Lord's will, He is going to give you the answer. You are simply praying through until you get it, but you know it is certain, because you