

cu ar questions that I ask you about it. What about the purpose of the first verse of chapter 3. Mr. Turnbull what is its purpose. It is rebuke against sin. Rebuke against sin. It is not the declaration of, here, punishment that is to come for the sin, it is a pointing out of the ~~x~~ evil and the sin, a description, pointing out the ~~unreasonableness~~ unreasonableness and wickedness of it. What about verse 2. What is ~~its~~ its purpose. Rebuke. What about number 3. Is three identical with it. 3 is pointing out the way God has punished them, for it, it is ~~still~~ still rebuke, still the same thing, but just a little different slant. It is still the same purpose. He says, you have been suffering, you haven't had quite the blessing from God you might have had because of your sin.

(question) In verse 1, the last phrase seems to be quite different from what precedes it, doesn't ~~it~~ it. Surely there is an offer of mercy there. Surely the purpose of that a very brief little interjection, but it would seem to have a different purpose than what precedes and follows. He said, you have done all this wickedness, and even in spite of that I want you to return. Surely, it would be not at all out of place to put that ~~as~~ as a separate heading, verse 1d, purpose an invitation to receive the love of God.

(question) A rebuke is pointing out sin and urging people to turn away from it, showing the punishment to come, and so it is true that in any rebuke passage you are quite apt to have some invitation. And so I don't think it is necessary to make it a separate purpose, it might still be kept under rebuke. But there is ~~this~~ this definite promise, the promise implies something of a blessing, so I don't think you would be at all wrong in it. If you had a whole verse of it, surely that would not be wrong. Surely, if he said, return and I will have mercy toward you, surely that would be a ~~different~~ different purpose. That would be a purpose of showing God's blessing upon the ~~people~~ people if they come back. Here there is no statement of blessing, it is only implied. But it is an implication. Not that I don't think it is necessary, but I think it is not at all wrong, to put it as a different purpose. Because it is a matter of organization of how you are going to put it, not a question of the meaning.

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