

CHAPEL, January 9, 1934

-- President Wright

Second chapter, Book of Isaiah, Verses 1-5.

Exactly one hundred had enrolled for the short training course when I left the office a while ago. Our enrollment in the college this quarter is now eleven more than for the winter quarter last year.

I selected this passage of scripture because here is a prophecy made many, many years ago, by one Isaiah, and it seems to me that in a large measure that prophecy is being fulfilled. In the later days the law is to come from the Jews, and Jehovah is to judge among the nations of the world. The religion of Jehovah is to be on the top of the mountain. To the Jews, that was significant. They picked places of that kind to build temples of worship, and the temple of Jehovah should be above all others, the religion of Jehovah above all others. Nations should invite other nations to come and worship Jehovah, said Isaiah. And that kind of thing is going on today. We are sending missionaries, and almost every other Christian nation is sending people into other nations, inviting them to come and worship Jehovah. Nations are having a terrible time today adjusting themselves after the great world conflict. God has taken hold of this world and shaken it to the very foundation. All the people of the world are conscious that their ideals and customs are being broken down. God is judging among the nations of the world. We have had a period of financial/ <sup>distress</sup> such as we have never had before in the history of our country. In the midst of super-abundance there is suffering for the lack of necessities. Our system of transportation is broken to pieces. The nation has been shaken to its foundation. It looked yesterday that the present government of France was going to fall because of a tremendous bank failure in that country. We are told that Japan and Russia are probably just waiting for warm weather to begin a war--don't know whether that is true or not. Civil war has broken out in China. Some of the South American republics are still drawing the sword. God is working

in His mysterious way to bring human beings to a realization of their obligations one toward another and each toward all. No longer can a nation prosper in this world by itself, and the world is beginning to see that. France attempted to ignore her obligations to America, and has almost made herself an outcast among right-minded nations of the earth, but yesterday France took a step in the right direction--she did not hand us a payment, but she reduced her tariff so far as the American people are concerned.

If we follow current events today we will see, in a large measure, this prophecy of Isaiah is coming true, is being fulfilled. We haven't stopped teaching war yet. If we could all say what Isaiah says in this lesson, "O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord," when each nation says that, and when the law that is written in this book that is the fundamental law of our land becomes the fundamental law of each nation, we will have peace on earth and good will toward men.