

(1). "The Prophecy of the Lying Spirit" or
"The Alternative to Truth".

Introd:- (1). For closing message this aft.. deal with what perhaps one of strangest..most little recog. facts of human life. Strange feeling abroad that there is no exact truth.. Line bet. truth..falsity being eliminated. Even say does not matter what bel. so long as sincere. Alright if man is sincerely wrong! Most pecul. part is that people only apply this to spirit. matters.. Will not tolerate in business.. bookkeepers..or in factories..precision required..or in school or on railroads..or in armed forces. Absolute truth required! (2). God most concerned..men shall know exact truth re. human soul..its nature..state..destiny..About eternity..Himself. Gave to men His Word..wherein these things clearly declared. What you say average man's attitude to it? Some..eager to know..read..love..believe..act upon. Some others read..jeer.. oppose..reject truth. But great numbers carelessly ignore.. somehow feel does not matter whether have Bible or not. Illus:- Old John..minister taught to read. "How getting along with Bible".."Bless you sir, out of that and into newspaper long ago". What result? Ever stop to think what means to these people? Just ignorance? Neutral? Some day learn?

I. An obscure O.T. story introd. us to tremendous truth.

- (a). In II Chron. 18. Story of Ahab, K of Israel, asking Jehoshaphat to go to battle with him as ally. Nation at low spiritual obs - when prophet called for adora - HOO, knowing king's desire - "Go up" - Men-pleaser - One even - vs 10.
- (b) But' Jehosh not' quite satisfy. - vs 6 - 8. - One lone witness in all realm. And he warned. - vs 12. - Now read vs 14 - How say it? - Must have been keenly sarcastic - for vs 15. - Ahab claimed wanted truth - (like many today) - but' when it' came - vs 16. - Then angry - refused - vs 17.
- (c) Then Micaiah gave strange revelation - summed up in vs 22. - Because Ahab did not' rec. truth - deceived by broth. of lying spirit! There is an alternative to rec. truth - only one - deceived by lying spirit - no middle ground - cannot' refuse truth & avoid delusion.

III. That which manifested today - & will be in future.

- (a) Evident' these days. - Many have refused - ignored truth - Bible

- What's happened? - Ev. conceivable type of false seed sprang up -
delusions of all kinds - The inevitable alternative - when comes of truth you
(b) And in II Thess. 2:10-11 - Some think will wait - see how
all comes out - then accept truth - Impass! for they will see
the new alternative. - vs. 12. - One or the other.
(c) This is what X declared - John 5:43. - World will not
be able to reject X - not see Anti-X - "Horn ye will see".
X said - "I am way - truth - life" - Reject that truth - see delusion.

Conclusion: - ① May God show us all the choice we must make!
- Not just accept X or reject. - Real alternative is X or anti-X -
Truth or delusion. - Inevitable - no neutral ground.
② How vividly illus for us - Pilate's judgm. hall. -
Matt. 27:15-17, 21-22. - Reject X - He'd a murderer -
left the Adversary - He'd a killer. - There was an inevit. alternative
which have you chosen? - What do you choose? - gospel.