



I. When **THEY** come **BEFORE** the Lord – 2:11-26

- A. Knowing is Demoted – 2:12
- B. Worship is Polluted – 2:13-17
- C. Sin is Sanctioned – 2:22-25
- D. Suffering is Assured – 2:25b

Under such religion all belief in God's existence tends to vanish. Though His existence may continue to be acknowledged, it is not a power, it has no influence; it neither stimulates to good nor restrains from evil. Religion becomes a miserable form, without life, without vigor, without beauty – a mere carcass deserving only to be buried out of sight.

– William Blaikie

II. When they **COME** before the **LORD** – 2:11-26

Life is in the context of worship – 2:11

- A. Family is in worship – 2:18-19
- B. Blessing is in worship – 2:20-21
- C. Significance is in worship – 2:26