

Well now I want to keep you in the New Testament another minute/^{but} because of its connection with an Old Testament passage. This is Acts 15. When I was in Princeton Theological Seminary, we had a time when the teaching was orthodox at that institution and the Word was not denied, there was a strong emphasis on post-mellianism or at least against pre-mellianism. And I remember a young fellow, a graduate from a fine Christian college, a college where pre-mellianism was taught who said to me one day, I am giving up pre-mellianism completely. He said I, became a all mellianism. I think that day and two days later he became a post-mellianism. ^(1½) (Laughter from audience.) But he said, I am giving it up because of Acts 15. Well, he said, in Acts 15 verse 13, following, that the Scofield Bible says dispensationally this is the most important passage in the New Testament and he says just plain exegesis shows that this passage does not teach pre-mellianism at all. Now that is what this student said to me. My reaction was, Well, I'm sorry that note says dispensation is the most important passage in the New Testament. It gives some people the impression that pre-mellianism is based on this passage and this alone. And personally, if this passage proves nothing about it, there are plenty more in the Bible that prove pre-mellianism

(2) . I don't think any great teaching like this should be patented upon any one passage. Now correctly interpreted I don't think those words say that at all. But that was the impression that that student had from it. And at that time I was not tremendously interested in this particular passage because I felt, after all there are plenty of other passages that clearly teach pre-mellianism. But I went after that to teach in a Theological Seminary where I taught for eight years where a number of the faculty were a very strong all-mellianists. And in the course in the prophetic books, I was told that the professor used to take many class hours in dealing with this passage and that and this professor of Old Testament would spend these many hours on this passage because he insisted that this passage clearly proves that pre-mellianism was contrary