

distinction between our attitude toward the world, an general, and our attitude toward the Christian church.

I think that this matter of separation, like so many other matters is one on which it is very easy to go to one extreme, or to another extreme. But the fact that it is easy to go to an extreme, does not mean that we are to say, Oh, well, let's forget it. ~~Now~~ Not at all. It means that we are to find out what God's will is in the matter, and we are to comply with it. / This ~~is~~ statement he says, "Wherefore come ye out and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you and be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters," makes it a might important thing for us to think through. It is not something we can brush aside. But it is something we must think about very carefully, and ~~therefore~~ we must see just what its relevance to us is. God would not emphasize it this much, he would not stress it the way it is here if it did not mean that it should not be a real factor, and a vital factor in our Christian lives. /

I was very much impressed, as I am sure you all were with that very excellent message which Dr. Harris gave us a week ago about Jehoshaphat. I felt that he brought out the ~~the~~ principles which are basic in it very very clearly, and very very excellently. But I did think that it would be useful to us to go a little further in our consideration of the matter, and perhaps apply it a little more specifically to ourselves today, and so I think that it would be useful for us to take the hour and to think through certain of the aspects of it. I think we should notice that separation is not an end in itself. God says here, Be ye separate. Come ye out from among them, and I will receive you and be a father to you. But that is not the only ground on which He is a Father to us. The basic way that we come into the kingdom of God is through being born again through our Lord Jesus Christ, and / if we are that, we are then ~~then~~ His children, but of course once we are born again, there is a wall of division established which we can't help. We just can't help it. If you are born again and live exactly like the ~~ungodly~~ ungodly,