

reaching those people and rescuing them from that which is getting more and more in control, means of reaching into those groups and bringing the ~~xxxx~~ people out. The Lord wants us to think about that. He wants us to consider it. I don't think the Lord wants Christianity to go back to the condition of the very beginning where we had a little group of a few hundred Christians, and then gradually build up in another five thousand years and become a great force. I think he wants us to conserve and save a great part of the true Christian background that there is in our Christian land today. I think He wants us to rescue those people. I don't know how many we can rescue, but I am sure the Lord wants us to give vigorous thought to how to rescue them. Now, of course, the way to rescue them ~~xxxx~~ isn't to go ~~xxxx~~ up and hit them on the nose. Anybody that has sense knows better than that. You have to consider how to win them, not how to drive them away. How to win them, how to lead them to understand the error of a true Christian being working in combination with Belial, in combination with ungodliness, in such a combination that He is injuring people, even though at the same time He may be helping some. The Lord wants us to win people. Not to drive them away. But that is one half of the picture, and the other half is the tyranny which is being molded to crush and destroy the Christian witness, and the Lord wants us to do everything we can to smash this life of tyranny. And He wants us to keep these two things apart in our minds, but He wants us to do them both, and not to be satisfied with just doing one of them. Now, if you try to do either one of them you are going to be misunderstood. If you try to bring people out, you will be called a sheep stealer. But isn't it a good thing to steal sheep out of the mouth of the wolf? Isn't that a good thing, and if you try to do the other, you think, oh, that trouble maker, and what did they call Elijah? Art thou he that troubleth Israel? and Elijah said, No, it is not I that troubled Israel, but thou and thy father's house that is troubling Israel in leading them astray from the truth of God. I believe that it is vital that we think through this matter