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 better to be there than to be here, and yet he leaves us here. Why does he leave us here? He leaves us here to witness, to show others the way. He leaves us here that we may speak the Word and others may come to know Him. He doesn't take us to ~~the~~ greater bliss that we could have. We'll have it later but now he wants us to be telling others how they may get that bliss, and we spend out time gossiping, we spend our time amusing ourselves with little things that don't matter. We spend ourselves fighting about things that won't make ~~that~~ much difference to who goes to heaven or whether you go or not, and forget the ~~purpose~~ God left you here for, to witness to the truth, to show others the way, to tell them how we may be saved. That is why ~~He~~ ~~has~~ left us here. Many other things are important, but they are important in relation to this. It is important that we be separate from sin, from unbelief, it is very important. But ~~why~~ is it important? The principal reason it is important is because we obscure people's understanding and we make it easier for Satan to lead people to eternal death, when we obscure what we stand for.

I have never heard Billy Graham preach. ~~Someone~~ From what I've heard about his sermons I gather that he presents the way of salvation, and that he presents and gives some very good messages. But you know, I had an ex-~~per~~ experience two years ago that left an effect on my imagination that I will never lose. Two years ago, we turned on the television one evening and we heard Gunnerbach, and Gunnerbach said, this afternoon Dr. Billy Graham addressed the American Baptist Convention here in Philadelphia. And he showed a picture. And there you saw, this was a silent picture, you saw him waving, gesticulating, you couldn't hear what he was saying, and there was the Northern Baptist Convention before him. Then he said, after this meeting, this reporter had an opportunity to interview Dr. Graham again, and he showed him, Graham, he asked a question, Graham stood up and it was a simple, vital question, Graham gave a very good answer to the question. And then he asked him ~~another~~ another question. ~~He~~ said, Dr. Graham, is it true--what do you think of this, he said,