

that we are supposed to follow, we want to do what we think is right, what we think is good, we will not have this man to rule over us. This is not a picture of an ideal situation, it is not a picture of what God wants to have, it is a picture of what there is in a situation in which sin is in the world, and it is good for us to face it and to realize that the attitude of the world is we will not have this man to rule over us. But God has not said that we should go out and should put down the rebellion, that we should destroy these who will not have Him to rule over us. He says that when He comes, they will be destroyed. Their eventual fate is certain, those who ~~do~~ continue in rebellion against Him are headed for the Lake of Fire. But they all have a chance until He comes to repent of their rebellion and their sin, and to turn to Him and to become faithful servants. (2 1/4) *we have to examine our own hearts.*

I will not have this man to rule over me, say the rebellious ~~few~~ (2 1/2) How many a Christian says well, I want to do what I can, I want to do what is good for me. I would enjoy doing this, and I would enjoy this, it won't do any harm, what difference does it make? The question isn't what difference do you think it makes, the question is, what has God's word said? Are you a rebellious citizen, or are you a faithful servant? Are you anxious to know what He wants you to do and to put Him first in all things? There's a line, in other words, in God's sight, there is an absolute line between those who are headed for the Lake of Fire and those who are His and have Jesus Christ in their hearts, and in justification that is true, but God only knows those who are justified. God knows those who are His. By their fruits we must know them. It's the only way we can tell His servants, and He wants us to examine our own hearts, and to ask ourselves am I one who is going to ^{be} cast out into butter darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, or have I really accepted Jesus Christ into my heart? Am I sure that He belongs to me and I belong to Him, and that I never say I will not have this man to rule over me. We then are to occupy till he comes, but we should be mighty careful and watchful as to whether the attitude of the rebellious citizens is getting into our hearts. It gets in there, you can't help it. You can't help it, it seeps in, it comes,