

But we want to look to Him to help us, root it out, to help us to keep in the attitude that He wants us to <sup>have</sup> ~~take~~.

Well, secondly we notice, and this is not stressed here but I think in the teaching of Scripture it should be mentioned in connection with it. He desires His servant to be His instrument, in changing rebellious citizens into (4 1/2) <sup>faithful</sup> servants. That is the primary task of our occupy till he come. He wants us to occupy, it belongs to Him, but the rebellious citizens <sup>are in</sup> ~~under his~~ control, we can't drive them out. They will remain till he comes. But he wants us to win them to Himself, He wants us to take individuals here and here and here, and bring them the Word of God in a way that will lead them to desire to turn from their rebellion and to throw themselves at his feet, to ask His forgiveness. And His mercy is limitless for those who will come to Him. He is ready to receive them, He desires to receive them, but He wants His servants to be His instruments in changing rebellious citizens into saved servants.

Well, now <sup>in</sup> the third place, we notice that this parable presents a figurative picture of the situation between ~~His~~ two advents. In other words, it is not a model for a society, or for an organization. He doesn't say, here is what the kingdom of God ought to be like. He doesn't say this is what you ought to work out a situation like this, it is an interim, it is between the advents. It is a temporary situation. It has lasted <sup>nearly</sup> ~~over~~ 2000 years and it may last quite a while yet. <sup>Who knows.</sup> Or it may end tomorrow. But it is an interim situation, however long a time. And in this situation He is not giving a model for society, he is not telling us how to run an organization, he is telling what our world is going to be like, during this period, telling us how the rebellious citizens will act, <sup>he's</sup> telling us how His servants will act, and He is telling a little bit about how His faithful servants ought to act. Many people have made models for society, they have planned how society was to change our whole world, Karl Marx <sup>is one who</sup> had a beautiful idea for society. Oh my it sounds just wonderful. Do away with all the oppressors, do away with all the exploiters, and then <sup>we won't need any</sup> ~~the~~ state, won't need any government, it will just disappear and shrivel up, as all ~~the~~ exploiters take