

about things that God has not revealed to us. God says here in Acts it is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father has kept in His own power.

Some of the terminology used in connection with eschatology I think is very unfortunate. I think it is too bad to speak of pre-millennialists and a-millennialists and post-millennialists. Some of these terms are well established and we can't get away from it. But what we mean that by premillennialists is that there is going to be a millennium <sup>after</sup> before the return of Christ, ~~(change this)~~ <sup>convey to</sup> The term premil doesn't phase the average person. By premil, I mean it will be after, by post mil we mean before. By amil we mean there won't be any. Even worse, I think, are the terms pretrib rapture, posttrib rapture and midtrib rapture.

Christ said in the world you shall have tribulation. We have had tremendous tribulations all through Christian history. In Russia and in China the Christian church is being persecuted most terribly to this day, and is having many tribulations and may have many more. The terms are confusing, very unfortunately. The important thing is that He has said the times and seasons are in the Lord's power and we are not to know them. That does not mean, of course, there is no importance to what is going to happen in the future. Nothing of the kind! What God has clearly revealed, we certainly should stand upon. More than that Jesus Christ in Lk.12 gave a very definite command to His disciples. He said in Lk.12:35 describing attitudes His people should take: Let your loins be gird about and your lamp burning and your selves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding that when He comes and knocks they may open to Him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom when the Lord when he comes shall find watching. Verily I say unto you . . . . make them sit down unto meat