

this present age. It describes a situation which the Lord has promised which will be universal, when the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Now if such a period is coming, what difference does it make whether the period lasts a thousand years and then ends, or goes on. It does not make any great difference to us, but if the Bible teaches it, if it definitely teaches it then it becomes important. Because as Paul says in the statement with which we began, we must avoid vain jangling, we should avoid fighting over endless genealogies, fussing over matters that are not clear in the Word. But we must preach the Word! And to me far more important than a question of whether there is ^a millennium after the Lord comes or not, far more important to me that ~~is~~ that is the question of the method we are going to use in interpreting Scripture. If we can interpret Scripture in such a way as to get rid of these pictures of that wonderful millennial period, we can just as easily interpret the account of the resurrection of Christ the way I've heard modernists do as simply a figurative expression of the great principle of the permanence of personality. The subject of interpretation of Scripture is a far more important question than the details of God's activity and God's plans for the future. But where the Lord definitely teaches something, it is His will that His people stand upon it. If affects our attitude toward all this. God's Word is true and we must take whatever we find therein as true.

I am impressed often with a passage in Eph. which you may not see the relevancy of, but I will indicate that in a minute. It is Eph. 6:11 and 12. "Put on the whole armour of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high