

places." It is very clear in this passage that our struggle is not merely against human beings, but our struggle is against great spiritual forces that would lead us away from God's will for us. If we think that a great period of universal peace is going to be brought to pass by our efforts, we're apt to spend our time trying to build the kingdom of God on earth as so many Christians are doing, and God's Word says we cannot do it. We are God's witnesses to a wicked world, in a world that is headed for destruction, that would come to absolute destruction if it were not that our Lord were going to intervene. We are here to reach as many as we can for the message of the Gospel. But ^{He} wants us to be ready whenever our Lord comes, whether it be today, whether it be tomorrow, whether it be 1000 yrs. from now, He wants us to find us actively serving Him. He wants to find us ready.

Well, then He comes and establishes His kingdom, and someone can say, or He comes and takes us all to heaven, we'll know when He comes, why should we get greatly concerned whether there is a millennium after the Lord comes back? Why should premillennialism seem so important? I took that attitude for a time. I joined other men facing modernism, facing unbelief. We started an organization to train men to go out and preach the gospel of Christ. We said some of those will be premil, some post, some amil -- what's the difference? We stand for the great fundamentals of the gospel! But I found before long that people were going out trying to get premil? ~~stated~~ premils to give money to the institution, and saying, O Dr. MacRae's a premil; support the institution, he's a premil, and these same people in their classes were assailing and attacking premil as if it were absolutely from the pit of hell! I found that among non-premils there was a hatred ~~for~~ for this doctrine, and I could not figure any reason for this. The Lord is not going to allow us to establish the kingdom of heaven upon earth. He's going to come