

It takes both. That is the type of testimony God calls on all of us to give.

Now the important thing in Acts 1 is the infallible proofs of the resurrection of Christ, the proof that He still lives. And the important thing for each of us is our witness for Christ. This is primary. Other matters are secondary. When we put secondary matters in a primary place we are very apt to put primary matters into a secondary place.

We here call ourselves a premillennial institution. I don't like that word premillennial. I think it gives a wrong impression altogether. It should be called -- I don't know of a name it should be called -- but what it means is that we believe that when Jesus comes back He is going to have a millennium. Some people say they believe ~~wax~~ in a millennium; we're in the millennium now! Well, if Satan's bound now, I don't know who is carrying on the work. We mean that there is a kingdom that is promised, a kingdom that is to come after Christ returns. Why is that of any tremendous importance to us? After all the important things are a witness today (are with us today?) Why is it when Christ comes back He'll do what He chooses and we can't change it one way or another. Why is it of tremendous importance to believe in premillennialism?

I think it is important primarily because I think the millennium kingdom of Christ is so clearly taught in Scripture, that any method of Bible interpretation that can get rid of it, carried out logically can also get rid of the resurrection of Christ, of his deity. I know some very fine Christians who use that type of method of interpretation in relation to the promises of the millennium. And I say, Thank God, they are inconsistent. I'm glad they ~~sax~~ stand for Christ and His truth, but I think it is very dangerous when we introduce methods of interpretation that can be destructive to all truth.

So I think looking for the return of Christ is tremendously important. He said that we should watch and be ready. We know not when He'll come. But I think it is important to recognize that after He comes there will be a millennium because the Bible clearly teaches it, though it in itself does not necessarily affect our lives (now), so much.

We notice in v. 3 that during these 40 days Jesus spoke to them about the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. What do we mean by the kingdom of God. Of course in one sense the whole universe is the kingdom of God. He created all things. He controls all things. He is the great king and ruler over everything and He does what He chooses. In all the forces of nature God is supreme, and what a wonderful thing that is for the Christian. You know when trouble comes into your life, when difficulties come, when things you don't understand occur, to know that Christ is controlling in it all, that Christ has a plan in it all, that He has a purpose in whatever comes. So we know that in once the kingdom of God covers