

saved while there have been others who have denied that's what the Scripture teaches. I don't feel that is central to the problem. I think God has kept the Jews as a unit and as an evidence of the truthfulness of His Word. While all the other nations of antiquity have disappeared they have maintained their individuality.

But as to the future of the Jews, I don't think that's essential to this question. And the other one was always talking about the last day(s) and the eternal state. I don't think that's Scriptural. Scripture speaks of last days. Joshua says, I know that after my death in the ~~xxx~~ last days you are going to turn away from the Lord. I think that particular phrase means "after a while." Doesn't one of the NT writers say we are now in the last days? (In these last days God has spoken unto us by His Son.) It's not a specific term for a specific time. It means after a while, a long period (indistinct).

(Comment)

Yes, I would say it's external peace and safety here. It's not that we'll be somewhere else where you wouldn't think of there being danger anyway, and don't learn war any more. That's too obvious . . . and as far as the Christian not learning war any more and it being the church, well I'm afraid there is too much learning war in the church.

(Comment on the millennium being a materialistic idea)

There were some in the early days who said there will be squash as big as . . . Well we have some of them today! But they would describe all these wonderful things, and others would say Ah that's crass materialism. Well, it does not prove it one way or the other whether it's materialistic or not. I feel the essential thing is the freedom from external danger. That is stressed.

(Comment) Christ did not hesitate to take a human body.

Yes, that's right. And Paul was not longing to be unclothed. But to be clothed upon. There have been all kind of attacks. But to me the thing is what does Scripture teach? The main thing is that we're ready and take what's clearly proven from him and that our lives accomplish something in pointing others to Him, and helping them grow in grace.

(Comment on where it's not so clear)

There's a big argument how could you have saved bodies and unsaved bodies together? You hear a lot about that, but to me that's always seemed like a silly argument because Christ was there with a saved body in the midst of unsaved bodies. If the Lord chooses one way or the other, it's His choice.

Dr. Buswell had great confidence in James Orr as a great defender of the faith. When he was visited by unbelievers he'd give them a copy of Orr's work. In another of Orr's books I came across the statement that maybe in the millennium there will be easy transition between heaven and earth. Who knows? The Lord can do what He wants.