

It is most important as we approach the Bible that we see what is taught in it with absolute clarity, that we accept that and stand on it. Having done so, it is vital that we take the other matters that are not made so clear and that we endeavor to understand them, but that we do not speak dogmatically beyond that which is clear. We should fit the different passages together and try to see exactly what they say, ~~and~~ ^{where} the Bible seems to teach a certain view we should say, "This appears to me to be the teaching of the Bible," but we should be waiting for more truth as we study the Bible further, ~~and~~ ^{we} should not fall into the very common mistake, not only in Bible study but in all fields of science, ~~that~~ ^{when} of that of which a man has little proof he is apt to speak loudest, and to do his best to convince others that he is right. Let us put our stress where the Bible puts it. Now we have noticed that the Bible puts a great deal of stress on the return of Christ and every true Christian should put a stress upon this marvelous fact comparable to that which the Bible puts upon it.

However, we find that there is a marked difference of viewpoint among Christians as to some of the ^{things} ~~phases~~ connected with the return of Christ.

Though, Christians may be divided into three groups, the so-called premillennialists, postmillennialists and amillennialists. The premillennialist

finds in the Old Testament many statements such as Isaiah 2, Isaiah 11, Micah 4 and other statements which clearly seem ^{to} ~~to~~ describe a golden age upon this earth, a time when there will be absolute cessation of war, universal peace and safety, when God will be known everywhere, a time when nations will be going ^{up} to Jerusalem constantly to hear the Word of God and when from that center God will reign over all the world. Premillennialists believe that this corresponds to the ^{time} ~~period~~ of a thousand years which is six times mentioned in the ~~book~~ ²⁰ of Revelation ^{as} coming after the return of Christ and before the judgment of the finally lost. Thus they consider that the Scripture teaches that Christ is to return to an unconverted world, is to destroy all that is evil and to set up