

in the hearts of us Fundamentalists just as in other people and you will find individuals which this exactly describes. But let me tell you, will find less of that among Bible believers than among any other group of people you can find anywhere. This is a description of human nature which fits many Fundamentalists, but it fits most other people far, far better.

I don't know whether I am going to get the time to read these other two books, the Case for Theology in the Liberal Perspective and the Case for a New Reformation or not; but I will say this. I will be tremendously surprised if I find either of them spending two-thirds of its time tearing down the character of those who accept the views that the book claims to be promoting. I just can't imagine either of those books will take that approach.

What do we have then? We have the Fundamentalists, evangelicals standing for the truth, but wanting to be thought of as great scholars by these who are Liberals and Neo-orthodox: and thinking they will advance themselves by knocking and tearing down those who hold the Biblical view, and that the others will think better of them for it. Let me tell you something. I have had a good bit of contact with Liberals and Neo-orthodox and let me tell you this. The Fundamentalist that helps them, they will flatter to his face, but when they no longer have need of him, they will kick him out in the street a lot ~~quicker~~ quicker than they will the man who stands for his beliefs. He will find he has gained nothing from them by his attempts to placate them.

Now I said that today there is not so much discussion and argument among different theological views that would be held by real Bible believers as there used to be. That is perhaps true in most areas, but there is one area in which it is not quite so true; and that is the area of eschatology. There are more books written now on various matters connected with the return of Christ than any other particular area of disagreement among Bible believers in recent years. And here exactly the same thing applies that we find in the matter of the relation between pre-millennialists and other attitudes.

You will find that the great evangelists, the great missionary leaders of the last hundred and fifty years, almost without exception ~~WERE PRE-MILLENNIALISTS~~ ~~WERE PRE-MILLENNIALISTS~~ have been thorough-going pre-millennialists. But it is amazing how when people get a little more standing in the world of scholarship and they want people to think a little more highly of them, they begin to find ways to explain away the premillennialism and there have been at least four books that have appeared within the last ten years, at least four books that I could name which have agreed on their viewpoint on this, which have said this: that the millenium began somewhere between 500 and 1000 A. D. and the millenium is still going on but should come to an end soon. One appeared just within this last month by the secretary of missions of of the Bible Presbyterian church Inc. That, I understand is the correct name for what we call the Columbus Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church. But this book has as its title, the Realized Millenium and says that the millenium began at the end of the Roman Empire and now we begin to see signs that it is coming to an end. How can anybody read the Bible and get such trash out of it? It's utterly impossible.

Modern theology, in this as in other areas, is a contest between the ideas of human speculation and the revealed truth of the Word of God. Will we stand on the Word, will we examine it carefully to see what it says, will we take its teachings and present them to the world, or will we spin theories to explain away its teachings in order to flatter our idea of our own intelligence and of our own standing, while souls are going to hell for lack of the teaching presented in the Word of God.