

ROUGH DRAFT

Dear Mr. Heinlein:

Thank you for the letter that you addressed to our registrar on November 16. I believe that he has already sent you the catalog that you requested, unless he decided to wait and send you the new one which should go to the printer rather soon. Unfortunately, our experience is that printers often take much longer in handling such a job than they expect.

It was most interesting to see your personal testimony as it appeared in "POWER". It is good to know of your desire to follow Christ and to make your life count for Him.

It is a little hard to know what to say about your second request. Many people have the idea that there are two common views, one called Dispensationalism and the other called Covenant Theology. Unfortunately, both of these terms have been so misused that each of them is now used in many different senses. It has been my observation that if ten people were asked to give a clear definition of one of these terms at least seven different answers would be given. Some able Bible teachers stress certain elements of truth, while giving much less stress to other elements, which they also believe. Untrained listeners may carry the ~~diff~~ points that are stressed to an extreme that the speaker never intended and may ~~also~~ deny the other points, which he had not stressed. As a result there come to be fairly large groups of people ^{who} think of one of these terms as describing ^{some} an extreme viewpoint that ^{no} well-trained ^{expositor} ~~holder of it~~ would think of teaching.

Toward the end of the last century, and in the early part of this one, great benefit came to the Christian world through the placing of reasonable emphasis on the fact ^{some features of} that God's dealings with men ^{changed} might have ^{has} altered in certain regards as ^{He has revealed} He manifested new aspects of truth, or as He performed great redemptive acts.

If we fail to distinguish the ages we tend to introduce confusion in to the clear teaching of Scripture. Most Bible teachers throughout the history of the church have believed in the existence of various ^{dispensations, though} distinctions ^{but} far less stress was placed on this matter in earlier times. Its principal beneficent result ^{has been} the laying of ^{great} emphasis on the ^{fact} that God saves his people through faith in ^{we can be saved only}