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the area we've been able to cover thus far, or probably will be this semester, but the passages we've looked at in the Old Testament can be fit with the post-millennial view. An amillennial view has to build only upon the so-called didactic portion of the New Testament and to take the attitude that both the Old Testament and the book of Revelation are not sources for doctrine but simply sources for illustrative material, to be interpreted in any way which will fit in with that which you secure from other places. So to my mind, as I say, it is a tremendously important question, but it is a question of what is our attitude toward the Scripture. Is the Scripture God's revelation to us, the great body of fact which He has given us, for us to study and see what it teaches and build our belief upon it, or is it simply something in which there are certain sections upon which to build and other sections which we simply twist or explain to fit in with our interpretation of those sections, and take the omission of mention of something in a particular section as proof that it doesn't exist. That, to me, is an utterly false attitude. If a thing is taught in any part of the Scripture it is God's word even if some other part does not mention it. Of course, if another part denies it, that would be a different thing. If there were a denial in one part of what was affirmed in another we would have to closely study it and see what the real situation was. Mr.--, did you have a question? (Student) The Southern Presbyterian Church? And have they made a report? (Student) That premillennialism is not consistent with the Southern Presbyterian Church standing? I had never heard that. I knew there was quite strong opposition down there as to what they call "dispensationalism" which is sometimes wrongly equated with premillennialism. The two are dealing with two entirely distinct problems and I know there has been great discussion over that question but I had never heard that there was over premillennialism. (Student) Well, dispensationalism is not a view of premillennialism. It is often confused with premillennialism, because the millennium is a dispensation and therefore there are those that think that if a person is a premillennialist he has to be a dispensationalist and there are those who think that all who are ~~dispensationists~~ premillennialists are thereby