

return, and some postmil preachers have preached wonderful sermons on the return of Christ, and what it means, and so on, but somewhere in the sermon is the mention that before it is this long millennial period. Ordinarily they don't preach about it, because it is a distant thing that has not much relation to it. If there is a thousand year period of righteousness and peace on earth before He comes, it is so far off, that it is purely a matter of interest. It is not a matter of vital concern to us, as it is if it might come soon. As I believe the N.T. teaches the Lord might return at any time, because He says, in such an hour as you think not, the Son of Man cometh, and we are told that the Father has this in His own power, and no man has any right at any time to say that He could not come at this time. But this is a difference between the post- and the pre- view. Now there are two or three postulates of that view. One is this: the postmils believe that instead of the righteous participating with Christ during the millennium, and the wicked being raised from the dead to be judged at the end, that at the end of the millennium all of the wicked, and all of the righteous are judged together, so they have a general judgment. And when I was teaching at Westminster Seminary I presented the premil view and Dr. Stonehouse in the next class presented the postmil view, or the amil view very strongly, and ~~when~~ when Dr. Machen died my last year there, and we had the committal at the grave, Dr. Stonehouse performed the committal there, and he, in his prayer, explicitly referred to the time when Dr. Machen was to be returned in the general judgment, he brought it in very specifically at that time at the committal. His declaration of Faith in the fact that all are to be judged at once. There is a general judgment. I having been teaching the opposite view in the classroom all year, I would have felt a bit better if he had left out some of those matters at a time such as that, but I didn't realize how strongly he felt. Well, the matter of ~~whether~~ whether the general judgment, or whether the wicked are raised at the end of the millennium to be judged, is a corollary of this, so it is an essential part of it, but it is not the primary thing. The ^{primary is the} question is of whether there is a millennium, and this follows, that the judgment is a general judgment, or just a judgment of the wicked dead, as9.....says, Those who believe on him, is not condemned, but is already justified, and will not enter into the judgment, he does not com