

bringing utter distaster to that land.

Separation is not a matter of our judging ~~an~~ other people's character, but of our deciding ~~the expression~~ in the practical field what relations we are to have with other individuals in the progress of the kingdom of God. Separation is not meant to make it impossible for us to have normal relations with outsiders. We already noticed that in starting, and we noticed it in connection with the statement of Paul about the fornicators and idolaters of this world. We are to try to keep from ~~sin~~ being tainted with the wickedness of the world, but we are expected to have normal relations with those who make no claim to being Christians.

And one more point. Separation is not a thing to be harped on ..4.... I find sometimes we have graduates of the seminary who go out and do that, who go out and preach separation, and preach separation, and preach separation, until people think that is all that they believe in. I have known people who will preach the ~~return~~ return of Christ, and they will preach it and preach it, and preach until it seems as if it is ~~nothing~~ else they preach. Now, I think that is wrong. But I know others who preach month after month, year after year, and never mention the return of the Lord, and I think it is better to go too far on the Christian teaching, than it is to ignore it. But there is a right place. And God doesn't want us to harp on this incessantly, but He wants us to realize its proper place in our lives. Now, what is its proper place in our lives?

Well, I think we should notice this. That the matter of separation is primarily a practical matter, we please God if we do what is His will in this matter, but it is primarily a practical matter, but it is a practical matter which is especially vital today. It is a matter which is a ~~practical~~ practical matter, and relates itself to practical situations. And the situation which we have today is a situation in which large denominations, great ~~organizations~~ organizations have been built up by Christian people, and these organizations into which Christian people put their lives, they pour out their money, they pour out of their sacrificial effort, and they build these