

believe and what we are to do regarding it, then of course we start with that and study ~~that~~ that. That is our very beginning. In connection with ch. govt. we do not have such a particular section which gives us a full detailed discussion of it. What we get from the Scripture must come from the study and bringing together of various passages. One point that I always feel that should be greatly stressed, in dealing with the Scripture, is this, we are interested, not simply in the question what is the Scriptural answer to a ~~problem~~ problem, but in the ~~question~~ question does the Scripture answer it, a particular problem. With what does the Scripture deal? In any point of doctrine you will find that there are certain things on which the Scripture is absolutely ~~clear~~ clear. There are certain other things ~~which~~ which the Scripture does not deal, or perhaps only incidentally touch it. And I think it is just as important for us to know where the Scripture is silent, as to know what it speaks clearly about. So that on those points where it is silent, we ~~can~~ can frankly say one of three things. We find an inference from something in the Scriptures. And inference which seems to us reasonable, but which is certainly not a clear teaching, and someone else may reasonably differ on it. Or we do not find anything taught on the Scripture on a certain point of doctrine. But we do find in the light of general knowledge and general reason something which seems to give an answer. We must carefully distinguish between them. It is not Scriptural teaching, it may be wrong. Our reason or observation may be wrong, but it is the best we have on the particular subject and therefore it is very ~~much~~ much worth going into, but with caution. Or, a third, we have no clear Scriptural evidence on it, and we certainly do not have enough evidence from the light of reason and of experience to give an answer and show every man can think for himself on the matter, but no one has a right ~~to~~ to say that the Scripture holds this ~~view~~ view that I am presenting.

Now those are the attitudes, one of those three we ~~must~~ must take on the ~~all~~ all matters not clearly dealt with in Scripture. Now on the matter of ch. govt. as I have said, we have much in Scripture that is of importance, but it is not a straight continuous presentation. It is a touching on it