

But he was the -- The First Presbyterian Church in New York asked him to be Interim Pastor. He preached there for a time. He preached a sermon: "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" in which he came right out and strongly attacked the clear testimony to the dependability of the Bible and its central doctrines. It was Clarence Macartney in Philadelphia who preached a sermon on the Man who was Wounded in the House of His Friends. That was very influential in raising the feelings of Presbyterians all over the country that they should take a stand against the steadily increasing modernism among ministers. There was very little comparatively among laymen at that time. In the General Assembly they wanted the General Assembly to throw him out of that church. But the people that wanted peace at any price, some of them were able enough in the Assembly to prevent it. Instead they took an action that Fosdick had been preaching in this church for a couple of years, and-- not as Interim Pastor but as Stated Supply, and that he as a Baptist should not be a Stated Supply in a Presbyterian Church beyond a brief time. So now if he wishes to continue he should come before the Presbytery of New York and ask admission to the Presbytery and be examined on these doctrines.

The facts were so perfectly clear that was a way to sidestep the whole thing, and the Presbytery of NY was pretty well in the hands of the Modernists by that time. I think they would have received him if he'd applied. But then it would be complained of in the General Assembly. There were a lot of real Christians in the church at that time. And Fosdick issued a statement that he did not want to be connected with a church that would hold to these old-fashioned doctrines. He left and Rockefeller built him the great Riverside Church in NY where he could preach whatever he felt like preaching!