

~~of the good wheat. He desires to~~ God's purpose is the production ~~of those who~~ <sup>will</sup> enjoy Him ~~through~~ through all eternity, those who are to live with Him, through all eternity.

That is His purpose. ~~The purpose of the Christian ministry is not the salvation of souls. Now that is a statement which can be interpreted in such a way as to~~

~~be utterly wrong. I mean by it that it is not merely the salvation of souls, in the common sense of getting people simply to state an~~ <sup>declare their</sup> ~~acceptance of Christ.~~

~~It is not simply that.~~ The purpose of the Christian ministry is to help in the production of the good wheat <sup>which</sup> God wants <sup>for His own</sup> ~~to~~ through all eternity. <sup>Now you</sup>

~~can't have good wheat if it doesn't start,~~ and therefore the leading of souls to Christ is a very very vital part of the work of the ministry. <sup>Yes</sup> ~~but it is not the~~

~~whole thing~~ <sup>by any means</sup> ~~It is very very important that those who come to know Christ are not simply left~~ <sup>after</sup> ~~having learned a little bit about Him, having heard a~~

~~little truth; left for the sun to come up and scorch it away, because there's no roots, left for the birds to pluck it away,~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~It is left for the~~ <sup>thorns, to come up</sup>

~~and choke it out.~~ <sup>It is very very important that the good seed that is sown have a chance to</sup> <sup>develop,</sup> <sup>and to grow</sup> <sup>and to build up,</sup> <sup>that it be watered and helped</sup>

~~for that purpose, and therefore it is God's will,~~ <sup>that the ministry should try</sup> ~~to help the good wheat.~~ <sup>It is not</sup> <sup>God's</sup> ~~will that we should tear the tares out of~~

~~the world. That is not His purpose, but that we should try our best to bring the Word of God to them,~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~we do not know who are the tares; and those who are most~~

~~opposed may be the very ones who through God's will may be saved. We do not know who they are, but~~ <sup>we have obligations to</sup> <sup>bring</sup> <sup>the truth as widely as possible,</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>to sow beside all waters,</sup> <sup>but not to be satisfied with simply</sup> <sup>knowing,</sup> <sup>but to seek</sup>

~~to nourish and to plant~~ <sup>and to help them to grow in the knowledge of His word,</sup> <sup>and to build them up in the true wheat which He develops, to help people to grow in</sup>

~~the knowledge of Christ, that is His desire for ... II ... that we shall help others~~ <sup>in ... II ...</sup>

~~in ... II ...~~ <sup>In the parable</sup> ~~Now our Lord~~ <sup>here</sup> ~~very specifically says~~ that the field is the world, and ~~There~~

~~are many who interpret it as if He had said, The field is the church,~~ <sup>but</sup> ~~and that of course is not what~~ <sup>the parable</sup> ~~says, at all.~~ <sup>The church is in the world,</sup> <sup>through this</sup>

~~age. We are here in the world, and we cannot go out of the world. It is impossible~~ <sup>God has placed us</sup> <sup>here</sup>