

yet, if we belong to Christ, we must follow as He leads, and the only way we can find out is by studying His Word, studying the Bible, and seeing what it ~~can~~ teaches. And if we belong to Him we must take what He teaches and stand upon it.. Now if we're going to take passages and so twist them around that the result is that ~~with other~~ ~~not clear~~ if you do it with other passages you ~~w~~ could make anything mean anything. We are certainly dishonoring the Lord. And therefore, if this ~~is~~ is at all clearly taught in the ~~Scripture~~ Scripture, it then is our duty to see what ~~it~~ it says, and to take a definite stand upon reasonable methods of interpreting the Scripture that we can apply throughout. And for this reason, you see, our view of the future can become tremendously important as to our attitude toward the Scripture, and our attitude toward the ~~Word~~ Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are saved, if we belong to Him.

Now I want to ~~not~~ look at a few of these passages with you, and ~~just~~ just to see what you ~~think about~~ think about these passages. Do you think that these passages fit with an idea that these Old Testament writers are describing the church Church today? Or do you think they are describing a period which might come before the ~~return~~ return of Christ? Or does it seem more reasonable to think they are describing something that comes after Christ comes back to this earth?

Now the first of these to which I wish to call your attention is the Book of Micah. In the Book of Micah we have three main sections to this wonderful prophetic book, the Book of Micah. And in each of these three sections we have a procedure which is quite common in the prophetic books of the Old Testament. The prophets of the Old Testament did not simply sit down and write out instructions for us today. They were men who wrote and spoke to their own generations. They talked to the people of Israel there; they gave those people God's Word for ~~them~~ them. And doubtless there was much that they gave that was never written down and kept in the Bible, because God gave it to them simply for that time, and it served its purpose when that time was over had served its purpose when that time was over. ~~But~~ But those things that God gave the prophets that He wished to be of value to His people through all future days, those He caused that they should write down, and