

God said to Adam, Here is this world and here are so few of you. Now multiply and fill up the earth. He did not mean to fill it so full that you had to stand on each others shoulders in order to find room to get around. We should not take it in \_\_\_\_\_ like some do today. When he says "subdue it" he means use it to enable you to live. But I know people today who claim to be fine Christians who think it is just as important to make advances in agriculture and make advances in some cultural sphere as it is to lead souls to know the Lord and to grow in His grace.

God wants us to enjoy the good things of this world, but He wants us to realize that they are temporary and not to make them ultimate objectives. God does not want us to try to make a perfect world because we can't do it and everyone who is trying, if he lives very long, has been terribly disappointed, in seeing the results of his efforts. He wants us to do good along the way and stand for what is right, but He wants our ultimate objective to be to do his will which is the preparation of human beings to live with Him forever; the preparation of human beings to turn from sin, to turn to God and to follow Him and to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord, that they may live with Him forever. That's what He has put us here for. If the Lord tarries maybe 100 years from now this may be an utter wasteland, and we may be back in the condition people were 2000 years ago, and there is much to suggest that might happen.

Or conditions might have gone forward quite a little from what they are now as far as cultural and material things are concerned, but it does not matter a great deal. What matters is each individual's soul. The spirit lives forever, but all these