

I do not think it's important that we agree on all details of the future, but I believe it is very important that we say to our selves, Prepare to meet your God. That we be ready to meet Him if he should come today, if he should come tomorrow or whenever he may come. So it is good that we should each think of this question. Suppose he should come today? Have you gone along in your life liking the good moral attitude of other Christians? Liking the kind of people with whom you are associated in church and theological school, but never having looked at your own heart to see the sin that's in your own heart. Perhaps even thinking ---perhaps even preaching the gospel to others but not investigating whether your sins have been covered by the blood of Christ.

It is very important that each of us make sure that if He should come today, that if he should come tomorrow you have not simply been putting off the saying, Someday I'm going to receive Christ as my Saviour. Someday I'm going to make sure of my salvation. Jesus calls on us to make absolutely sure today that we have not simply repeated words. We have not just gone along with those with whom we are associated, but that we are ready so when he comes for His own we are sure we will be among those for whom he will come.

What about your life? John refers to his coming. In 1 John 3:2,3 he says, We know that when he appears we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure. What will he find you doing if he were to come right now? Would you be living the kind of pure life that he desires you to live?

Luke put great stress on the kind of service we are to give. We are not here to try to work out all the secrets of what God has revealed. We are here to be His servants, to give his people their food in their season. We are here in order to present the Word of life. I'm not just speaking of ministers now. I'm speaking of all Christians. Every Christian is called of God to be His instrument to give the word of life to others. To rebuke, to exhort, to show other Christians how they can advance in knowledge of the Lord and make their lives count for him.

I've known people who have become so interested in studying about some foreign country and all about the needs of that country and what tremendous service they are going to do for the Lord when they go to that country as a missionary. God has called us to go to the ends of the earth. It's important that we have interest in the whole world, and that many should go to distant lands in order to serve Him there. But as I heard people say when I was in seminary: crossing the ocean never made a missionary! If you are not witnessing for Christ here, if you are not making him known now, if you are not really serving him effectively today you cannot expect to serve him effectively in some distant time.

God has called us to so serve him that if he comes today or tomorrow he will find we are prepared to meet him. That we are serving him effectively. Someone may say, Yes, maybe the Lord is coming next year. Why do I spend time in seminary here? Why do I