

writing, not merely to give God's Word to these people who are listening to him now, or to give God's direction ~~to~~ to this church in which he is now present, but they are writing in order to give that which can be used of God's church over and over again all through coming ages, as they come to it with ~~many~~ many questions that you would never have thought of. And consequently there is some point ~~of~~ of infallibility there, where there is ~~none~~ none whatever in ~~it~~ simply the direction of a particular church in a particular place. So that is the difference.

I (question) That is to say, that a church in a particular....for ~~instance~~ instance, a book about adiochera, something which is not....(end of record)
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There is no doubt that the church body has a right and a duty to take the principles of God's Word and see how they relate to ~~situations~~ situations of today. And there is ~~a~~ many a thing which should be decided, should be done by a church body in a certain way, because of present day situations. But there is no point in the world of thinking that that ~~past~~ decision should relate fifty years from now when conditions have changed. ~~But~~ But even so, if the church body does not feel convinced that it is applying the principles of God's Word to what ~~it~~ it is doing, and that is all that it is doing, it ~~is~~ is not merely applying all that ~~it~~ it feels it would ~~like~~ like, but what it thinks is God's Word's teaching. It is going to be honest in doing that.

Well, we took a little longer on this point, 4, than I thought we would right here, but it is, of course, a very important point. ~~What~~ What I am trying to do now is to stress those ~~things~~ things that are clear in Scripture, on these things, and to show the limit of what is clear. Not to say that that is the limit of what we can properly hold, but we must be careful not to go too ~~far~~ far beyond those things. To use our judgment ~~very~~ very carefully as we go beyond that.

Now, under this point, 3, about the visible church, I mentioned at the end of the last hour point G, which is a matter which needs to be considered in connection with the visible church in connection with all our matters ~~of~~ of govt., it is a vital thing to think about. The vital question of how many