

is right, but it certainly is no visible principle or no principle rooted in the constitution of the human race. That the majority is necessarily right. The question is, to find what is right, and having a majority vote may be a good way to find what is right, but the objective is not to see what the majority wants but to see what is right.

Now, in the ~~Scripture~~ Scripture, we do not have much evidence to suggest the majority ~~we~~ vote in the N.T. But we have some statements that can be interpreted that way. <sup>^</sup> And in view of the general attitude today, I thought it was vital we take up this point.

I don't think anybody can say that the N.T. says that all matters should be decided by a majority vote. Because there were many there decided in other ways. And yet, what happened in Acts 15 was that a majority vote. If it wasn't what was it. What was the attitude there. I think the Quakers have usually had the attitude, they don't go by the majority, they try to get the mind of the ~~meeting~~ mean. They seek a unanimity. And if they do not get a unanimity they say we don't know, let's not do anything. But they feel, they have felt, that if ~~they~~ they with prayer and with study of the Word seek to know the mind of Christ, the <sup>meeting</sup> ~~meaning~~ of the whole should come to a unanimity. Not that a <sup>majority</sup> ~~majority~~ should override the minority. Now, which of these two methods was used here in Acts 15. Here they had a meeting, in Acts 15, and the church and the apostles and the elders/ discussed the thing in verse 6, the apostles and the others came together. And here they were. And Peter did not get up and tell them what to do. Peter got up and gave them his ~~opinion~~ opinion. Then Barnabas and Paul told what had happened, and then we find James stood up and he said, Peter has told us what happened, and he said, the Scripture shows that ~~we~~ what Peter says has happened is what you might expect to be in line with God's will. Verse 19, wherefore my sentence is we trouble not them. What does he ~~mean~~ mean, my sentence. Is he making a decision, or is he saying ~~my~~ I think that this is the ~~mind~~ mind of the meeting ~~of~~ or is he saying here is my motion. I move this. Let's see if it will get a majority. Well, what does it say in verse 22. Then <sup>please</sup> ~~pled~~, said the elders