

that that means that one has to tell everything that everyone wants to know. I think that evasion is somewhat different from misstatement. I think, for instance, many people think that they help a sick man by telling him that he is all right and that he is going to get well when all the evidence is that he is going to die. Somebody might think that that might save his life. He may pep up and go ahead. Personally I doubt that there is any Scriptural basis for any such act as that. I doubt if one can one make ~~much~~ much evidence from the Scripture that would justify a real servant of the Lord in a misstatement except under the most extreme cases. Even then one should certainly hesitate and pray very definitely that he may be wisely led before doing that. He would be much better to lean in the other direction. But I don't think that this means that one is obligated to tell anything that anyone wants to know who has no right to ask a particular question. I think that he should base his statement in such a way and has warrant in Scripture.

(Question) *end of 23.*

I think what you said about the results of sin is certainly a vital argument. ~~that is~~ If it were not for the place of sin in the world today I would say that any sort of evasion or deception whatever would doubtless be wrong, but that under the circumstances in which God's people are placed as a result of the sin which is in every heart and which sometimes finds very acute expression in particular movement. But there instances where it seems to be right that one should use at least evasion in avoiding difficulties which might come for the cause for which one stands or to one's self. I think that that is certainly true. But the difficulty with making a straight statement about war is that it can very easily lead one into the attitude toward war which justifies anything ~~that~~ by the fact that a war is going on. I think that a war which God has definitely commanded is a very different situation from any war which anyone is involved in. I think that we must recognize as true. Consequently while I do not think the Scripture forbids war, I definitely think that could not be taken from the Scripture; yet I do think that