

oxen, behind which was pulled the rather primitive plow with a handle which they held. If they tried to plow with this plow and looked back and were wondering about things back there instead of watching how they plowed they would not cut a straight furrow. They would not fulfill the purpose for which they were plowing.

It would be a very familiar idea to them, and it is one that is worth our thinking about. Are you looking ahead in such a way that you are cutting a straight furrow? Are you putting the emphasis upon salvation that you should? Are you putting emphasis upon inerrancy of the Bible--the solid fact that this is our guide, this is our foundation, this is where we get our knowledge of what God wants of us.

Are you remembering the unity of Christ's church? Because God's word is for us to help ~~xxxxxx~~ in building up His work, in our part as Ephesians describes it and Colossians says almost the same words. "In order that the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament may grow and build itself up in love as each part does its work. Are you strong on that which is vital, or are you easily diverted into matters that are secondary? Are you plowing a straight furrow?"

Some years ago I heard a man say this: I don't see any point in winning people to Christ, making them Christians, and then later on making them Reformed Christians. I believe in making them Reformed Christians at one step. I was shocked. The difference between a Reformed Christian and an Arminian is not one-fifth as important in God's sight as the difference between a Christian and a denier of the Word of God. I believe in the wonderful teaching which we speak of as the Reformed teaching. What a comfort, what a confidence it gives me to know that Jesus Christ is supreme and that God has foreordained all things, and that if I do my best and things go wrong it is part of His purpose, and He is leading. I can fully trust Him.

What a confidence it gives me. What a help it is. I would like to extend these blessings to all others, but that is not nearly as important as winning them to Jesus Christ as Saviour and to follow Him. These secondary points deserve their proper stress. They can bring great blessing to us. I think there is a blessing in knowing what I believe to be the Biblical teaching of premillennialism. I think there is a blessing to it. I find the history of the ~~the~~ two centuries that the men whom God has used in a great way as evangelists, as missionary leaders have practically all been premillennialists.

I believe God wants us to have the assurance that this world is not always to be under the dominion of Satan. But that God in the person of Jesus Christ will reign here one of these days. I think that's a wonderful blessing, though I think that the word premillennialism is not a proper description of that thought. The important point of it is that we believe that after Christ comes He is going to set all things right. But that's no reason for a breaking in the body of Christ. That is no point for