

is--- did you hear when I spoke on shibboleths? The word dispensationalism has become a shibboleth. People like this fellow: dispensationalism, that's the worst thing in the world! Then there are other people who say, If you are not a dispensationalist you are absolutely worthless! Yet you'll find people who hate dispensationalists and people who glory in dispensationalists whose views are almost identical. The term, to my mind, doesn't convey a meaning any more. It is used in so many different ways. It's unfortunate. But the Lord didn't send us to make shibboleths of words. He sent us to take the Scriptural truth and get it to people's hearts.

Neher: When you talk about dispensationalism and the distinctions between the way we treat the OT and the way we treat the NT, it seems to me we do get into some substantial disagreements.

AAM: The strange thing is that there is a professor from Westminster, who perhaps hates dispensationalism tremendously, who was on a broadcast with me on a Bible Study and he talked about how you have to consider the requirements of each of the different covenants and the situation in relation to the covenants, and he gave a view that if he had only used the word dispensationalist instead of covenant it would be the very thing they are attacking so strongly! Hodge has an article in his Theology on the Four Dispensations. Every Christian believes in Dispensations, but if by a dispensation you mean a different method of salvation, why the people who are accused of believing in a different method of salvation, insist they don't. They insist that everyone who is saved is saved through the death of Christ! Dr. Buswell said to me once, I rode on the train once for three days from Dallas to Philadelphia and I couldn't convince him that he believed there was a different method of salvation in the OT! Well, some of his works may carry that implication. Some of his statements may be possible to be taken in that way, but he doesn't want them taken that way.