

### PREMILLENNIALISM.

I have no apology to make for presenting tonight the subject of the second coming of our Lord. For I regard it as one of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. I think no unprejudiced reader of the Bible can fail to see the tremendous part it plays in every section of that book. It is a subject upon which every Christian should be informed.

It is true that some prejudice has been aroused against the subject and especially against premillennialism, because of the excesses to which some of its followers have gone in their stress upon it, or in their perversions of the doctrine. But it is true of practically every great doctrine of the Bible that men have at some time or other gone to extremes regarding it. The classic example of this is the Holy Spirit, yet what true Christian will avoid the precious doctrine of the Holy Spirit because of the excesses to which some Pentecostals, etc. have gone. Let us try to divest ourselves of whatever prejudice we may have against the subject, and if we find that we come within the category known as Premillennialists, let us accept the title.

The subject of the Lord's return is one of the most fundamental in scripture. In the Old Testament there are presented side by side two advents of the Messiah. In one he is a suffering savior, bearing the sins of the world, meek and lowly, suffering for the transgressions of others. In the other he is mighty and powerful, coming to set up a great kingdom of righteousness and justice, and to rule with a rod of iron. These two advents are found presented over and over again in the ~~Old Testament~~ Prophets. As the Jews read