

The first was, the command of Jesus. Jesus is our king. The King of every Christian. And the command He gave was not to go into the world and build a perfect social order. The command was to go into all the world and win them to me. Go out into ~~to~~ all the world and win them to the Lord. That was the command, the great commiss~~ion~~^{ion}. Then, the apostolic church, we noticed, showed a remarkable lack of interest in social improvement, and I ~~thought~~^{brought} that the evidences from that. Many ~~more~~ more could be brought. Third, ~~despite~~ despite the lack of direct interest in social betterment, the Christian church ~~is~~ has been by far the greatest force for social ~~best~~ betterment in the world's ~~his~~ history. And we noticed a few of the many many instances that could be brought of that. Fourth~~ly~~, this was the one on which I was questioned , later. The New Testament uniformly speaks of Christians as strangers and pilgrims. Their home~~s~~ is not here, but they seek a country. We are not Jesus' citizens in the sense that He is today ruling over the United States. He is ruling over ~~the~~ those individuals who recognize Him as King. He wants us to win others to recognize Him as King, to accept Him as Saviour. And He ~~wants~~ wants us to stand for the principles of His kingdom wherever we can. But, I think it is vital that we recogni~~ze~~^{ze} that according to the Bibli~~cal~~^{cal} teaching, Satan is the prince of this world. And that therefore we cannot expect in this age to make any ~~continent~~ continent, country, or even town entirely Christian. God has not promised it. He has not promised us that we will be able so completely to end the evangelization of one city that we will then be justified in giving the bulk of our time to improving the social conditions within that ~~a~~ city.

Satan goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, and also is an angel of light, to deceive the very elect. If you look at the history of the missionary movement of the last two centur~~ies~~^{ies}, you could easily ~~give~~ give way to despair. Country after country, where the Gospel came in, and thousands were won to the Lord, and it looked as if the whole nation would become thoroughly Christian in another fifty years, and today mod~~ern~~rnism spreads through those countries and the high, comparatively high character,