

eyes on the Lord and realize that we are strangers and pilgrims here, and not allow the lust of the flesh or the pride of life to get a primary place in us. Now I want to say that that I don't think that in this connection we are thinking particularly of the evil and of the sin that we can get emmeshed with, although that is something which the Christian must always find a danger and guard against, but we are thinking here of getting too much sight of human things which may be good in themselves. It is easy to get so attached to ~~the~~ possessions, to get so attached to having an automobile as good as the ~~neighbordoms~~ are, or to make a good impression in the eyes of the ungodly world, or to tie on to human things, to get attached to the building, to the denomination, to an organization, to a group of people, to some earthly thing that we forget that we are strangers and pilgrims on a wilderness journey, and to use what there is along the way and to help what there is all we can but we don't want to get tied to it too much, or to let it become something that in any way that pulls our attraction . . .

Jesus said that a man who follows him must hate his father and his mother and his brother. Of course that is using strong language. He did not mean hate in the sense of doing evil to them or anything like that, because we are commanded in the Scrip. to love those who are connected with us, and to honor them, but he said that if we do not hate in the sense that our love for him is so much greater, ^{that} our interest in them would be like hate in comparison we cannot be His disciples. People allow these things along the way of the wilderness journey to become an obsession to them. They become so important to have that they get their eyes off the Lord, and this can be so of a good thing just as well as of the evil thing.

At the end of the last century, or during the 19th century when modernism had not yet become entrenched in the English world yet, when the effects of the great Methodist revival in the previous century had affected all demoninations in England there was very much outspoken unbelief there were many English leaders who wrote, some of them wrote some very fine books on Biblical things, but many of them did their Christian work as a thing to be done at certain times, a certain schedule, and when it was done and finished they