

Chapel

11/5/75

Pre-Post-A Millennialism

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Bill that has good chance of passing congress that would give government complete control of the upbringing of all children. Write congressmen to vote against it.

Begin with reading from 1 Tim. 1:3-6 . . . "neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies which minister questions rather than godly edifying . . . The end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart . . . from which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain janglings." I hope that none of us will turn aside to vain janglings.

The impetus for the discussion I want to give in this chapel hour came from a very intelligent question I was asked after my class in Isaiah last week. In that class we were looking at Is. 11 with its description of a great period of peace and freedom from external danger upon earth. I discussed the time when this period is to come -- whether before or after the return of Christ and the different views which are held. After class I was asked a very intelligent question. Should Christians divide over such matters? Is not the vital thing that we spread the Word of God and do what will influence people's attitudes today rather than to understand all the details of God's plan for the future? I think this is a very intelligent question, and I think that this is a very great danger in our giving into vain janglings when we think we can know a great deal more about what is to come in the future than what is gained with very brief -- great certainly from the Word of God. You remember that when Jesus was on his last day on earth before His ascension, in Acts 1:6 we read: "When they therefore were come together they asked Him, Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel? Now did He say, I have been spending three years teaching you that the kingdom of God is something spiritual within your hearts; there