

preach the word, be instant in season, out of season. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." He exhorted them at the end of his life "before Him who will judge the quick and the dead at his appearing". In v.8 he said, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day, and not to be only, but unto all also who love His appearing."

Paul, at the end of his life and at the beginning stressed that it is very important that we separate ourselves from all idols, that we serve Him to the utmost of our ability, and that we watch for ^{the} ~~t~~ie coming of His Son from Heaven. We do not know the time but we should be ready. Now this emphasis on watching and waiting for the Lord's coming, and the fact that we don't know when he's coming is repeated many times in the NT. It is therefore a very important aspect for Christian service. What does this do about the subject of premil, postmil, and amil?

If postmil is true, there is a period of 1000 yrs. - it may not be literally 1000 yrs, but certainly 1000 yrs stand for a long period, a long period of time of absolute ~~x~~ peace, freedom from external danger upon this earth before the Lord comes. If the coming of the Lord is many centuries off in the future, why should we be watching and waiting for Him? This NT it seems to me absolutely rules out post-mill as a viable choice for the Christian. There cannot be a millennium before the Lord comes back! Well then what reason have we to think there is a millennium at all? ~~If you look at the OT - now~~ the word millennium is derived from the NT. Six times in Rev. 20 it speaks of 1000 year period in which Satan is bound. But the evidences for the millennium are mostly from the OT. But in the WT we have a number of passages which teach clearly that upon this earth there is to be a period of universal peace, of freedom ~~f~~from external danger