

the task of establishing a righteous world were left in human hands, we might well despair of its successful completion. Fortunately, that is not the task which has been given to the Church. God has left the Church here as a witness to gather together men and women from every tongue and nation to be saved out of this wicked age through the salvation provided by the Lord Jesus Christ. When the body of the entire Church is complete, He will put an end to this age, and His own Son will come back from heaven to set up His Kingdom of righteousness, peace, and justice upon this earth.

We do not need to look for human effort to establish universal righteousness. We do not need to feel sad when we find that our best human effort fails to accomplish this mighty task. We can know that the task is certain to be achieved. It will be achieved not by our efforts but the intervention of a power far greater than we. God Who has defeated sin in principle by the death of Christ on the Cross will make that complete victory a reality at the return of His Son. All nature and all history looks forward to this return and to the establishment of the millennial reign of Christ upon the earth.

This great hope is abundantly presented in Scripture. Among many other passages, Micah 4, Isaiah 2, Isaiah 9, Isaiah 11, and Revelation 20 may be singled out as by themselves giving abundant proof of the great goal which God has promised for this age. In their assurances our faith may safely rest. We who believe in Christ have no need to be uneasy or disturbed about world conditions. We must do our best in whatever place God has put us. We must witness constantly to the saving power of His Gospel and allow His grace to flow through us and to use us to lead souls into His Kingdom. We have no reason to worry and be anxious about the future. All things are in His hands, and He in His sovereign power is leading rightly. In His own time He will establish His glorious Kingdom upon this earth.