

mention his name. Some of you may have heard of him. But he is a very active Christian worker, and he spoke for many years in a certain mission in New York which was under Plymouth Brethren direction. And he spoke in that mission year after year. And he ~~got~~ was asked to take on a certain deal which involved some Plymouth Brethren. And he thought he should take them on. And then he received word that their leaders don't ~~think~~ keep up with them. And he sent word back, it looks to me like direct opposition, I am going to go ahead. And he got the answer ~~sent~~ sent back, if you do this, you will never again be asked to speak in this particular mission. And well, he would like to speak in that mission, but he didn't feel that should ~~be~~ determine what he thought was right in this other thing, and after about fifteen years he had spoken in it practically every week, he said he was shut out completely from it, and never again allowed in it. And he gave it just as an evidence of the fact that there is a behind-the-scenes govt. there, and it is no discredit to the organization that there is. The only thing is, ~~there~~ it is better to have govt. visible than to have it behind the scenes. But there is a real function for govt. ~~in~~ in the visible church. Now, of course, we don't ~~need~~ need to prove that on a rational basis, it is clearly ~~is~~ taught in the Scriptures, that is the Lord's will that there be a visible church and that there be officers in the church. That there be a control in the visible church.

And, of course, the danger is that this control be stifling individual initiative and it causes the church to halt and stand still, instead of going ahead. And that is when the govt. gets out of its proper sphere. And so we are asking this question, now, why anyway ~~should~~ should ~~there~~ there be govt. in the visible church. And of course the first point, there, of the reason why govt. is needed in the visible church, the ~~first~~ first point is, for protection against the entrance of that which means destruction to the

.....(12) I didn't say protection against that, I only said protection against the entrance of it. By which I mean, it isn't the function of govt. of the church, like the Roman Catholic Church did for a long time, does now to a certain extent, they say, these are books you ~~want~~ want to read, I