

four purposes, now the four types of govt., we have already mentioned, still under number 1, a is hierarchical. The ~~but~~ hierarchical or whatever you want to call it, it is the type where there is the onex~~authorityxxxxxxx~~ authority from which the ~~it~~ decision is made. And that, of course, is the ideal type if you have the perfect man in the authority. The Bible nowhere presents the democracy as the perfect govt. or as the type of govt. which this world is eventually to have. It is theocracy, it is a kingdom. It is with Jesus Christ as King. He will rule with a rod of iron; He will establish what is to be done; He will give His word, and we will be in a great ~~rush~~ to carry out the thing that He tells us to do, because we know that His ~~wisdom~~ wisdom far surpasses ours, and we know that His goodness is absolutely without limit. And so the ideal govt. is the ~~the~~ monarchical govt., if you have God for the monarch. And if the Church of Jesus Christ, ~~today~~ today, had Jesus Christ here on earth visibly ruling, we would immediately agree that what we ~~we~~ want is a monarchy with Him as the monarch.

But He has chosen for the period of this age not to ~~rule~~ rule with a rod of iron, or even to give us definite answers to specific immediate problems that come before us. And certainly not to give them in such a way that we can quote them authoritatively to others. His ~~decision~~ decision on a particular immediate matter that comes. And so, if we have a hierarchical sort of govt., it has to have a man as the dictator, and a system like this, as we have noticed, has very great dangers in it. The danger being, of the man thinking of his wisdom more highly than it deserves, and failing to get sufficient advice from others. Or the man having a fault in his character that leads him to do that which is not for the best. Or the man who is good, in every way, the Methodist church was certainly far better off with Wesley as supreme monarch of it than it would have been in any sort of a system, but having him succeeded eventually by someone of an entirely different type, entirely different standing. Those are the great dangers in that type of govt.

Now, there would seem to be considerable amount of N.T warrant for this type of ~~govt.~~ govt., in that the apostles appointed officials in churches as they