

3. And there must be more discussion or ideas from the class that can be mentioned here:

III. Homes Where God's People Are Nourished

A. Defining the Concept

"God's People" is a term to identify or define those who belong to God in the personal sense of being born into His family through saving faith as related to this age. Historically "God's People" were the people of Israel and in a theological sense that is still true. But for the present discussion we are using the term to speak of the church or the family of believers. We are not referring to a particular class or bracket of them but to the whole of the company without regard to prominence in service or personal achievements. They are, as a body, a distinct class but within that class there is no discriminatory standard that makes one more important than another or puts one closer to the heart of God. There are distinctions in service, but not in worth or eternal value. Well, the more I discuss it the more complicated it becomes so we will just drop it at this point and trust to the discretion of our class members.

By "nourishing" we mean the gracious care, hospitality and thoughtfulness that should mark the church of God. The home is the essential institution behind all of the other social orders and it is to this area that one should look for the fellowship of life. It is not always found there, however, but when it is we describe it as a home that honor God for.."as much as ye have done it unto the least of these..."(Mt. 25:41-36)

Quality, not quantity, is the matter at stake. I will try to put this into a better total perspective, however, so don't get nervous about the discussion until we are done!