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Sir,

Permit me to say that my interest in your teaching of the Word continues unabated, for you proclaim what we hold most dear to us - the sovereignty of God and His mercy - concerning which so little is heard nowadays, with the result - the chaos in the world.

But might I suggest that your lecture, as reported in today's "Scotsman", on "The State's Service to God" savours more of what we are accustomed to in the world than of what we are taught by the Word of God. It would seem that the State ought not to be described as Christian or non-Christian, though in the last resort it will be regarded as anti-Christian, and will be destroyed in the coming of Christ in His Kingdom, with His subjects gathered out of every State.

I do not know at present of Scriptural support for your word that Jesus Christ is King of this world also. His very Name is in opposition to this. The Temptation showed His attitude to the world. The Confession before Pilate: "My Kingdom is not of this world" defined His attitude.

But please do not think my aim is criticism or controversy.

I take the liberty of sending you a little book which to my mind is as good as any in making clear what we in our little community have held to during the last 200 years, and which we think is very Scriptural, although well knowing no word of man can be free from error.

Please do not trouble to acknowledge or to return. I simply send it to you for perusal, as to one who is doing much to influence the Churches to get back to the true Gospel, and that it might perhaps lead you to modify your view of the secular State.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

W. Ferguson