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Dear Dr. Ryrie:

I want to write a brief note to you before you come to lecture to us as Bethel on Dispensationalism to tell you how very pleased I am that you are going to be with us. We are all looking forward with keen anticipation to your ministry among us.

In the light of the background of conflicting positions which we hold on this subject, and of the differences of theologies spelled out in our books, I want to assure you, as well, that you will find a warm and cordial atmosphere in which to lecture. Our purpose in inviting you (really, at my insistence) is that you be free to present your case without any feeling of undue pressures. We want you to provide a case for Dispensationalism which, in spite of our attempts at objectivity, we cannot provide for our students. We think it best, therefore, that there not be any formal or public confrontation between yourself and the faculty (especially between the two of us), and while I'm sure that you will be questioned by the students, I want to set your mind at ease about being in "debate" with the faculty.

I trust that you will find here the same type of spirit as you call for in the last chapter of your book, and that it will be a rich and rewarding week of fellowship and study together. If there is anything which we can do to make your stay as pleasant as possible, please feel free to let us know.

Most Cordially,

Clarence B. Bass

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