Interview (16)

I worked over and over my book on <u>The Gospel of Isaiah</u> for a dozen years. As I think of it now I wonder whether I could have produced something that would be 90% as good in a third as much time and then devoted the time saved to getting other material into shape for publication. Perhaps this is one of the major mistakes of my life. I hope that I am not yet too old to remedy it to some extent.

- Q: Why do you think it is that conservative Christians are not able to work toget together as they should? Do you think this is mainly for personal reasons?
- A: When people who truly stand for the Lord do not work together as they should this is often due to two primary causes. The first of these is personal pride.

 Nomer.epefdes is always right. Human pride is a very great failure and is very widespread.

As to the second peanon, I believe that Satan is very clever in leading Christians to put their emphasis on minor matters instead of on the major points. When a man is a strong leader it is all too easy for him to decide that everyone must always agree with him. No two human beings exactly agree or believe exactly the same.

- Q: Now that Biblical Seminary has had a good start, what about the possibility of your traveling in outher parts of the world?
- A: As a young man I had opportunity to do considerable twaveling, though this was much harder in those days than it is now. During my time of studying in Germany I was able to go to Palestine, which is now called Israel, for four months. The area was not as developed as it is now. There were comparatively few roads and commaratively few large buildings. I traveled on horseback over a good part of the country. Things were far more like they were in Bible times than they are now. I am glad to have had that experience, especially as I had it under the leadership and direction of Professor William Foxwell Albright, who was such an outstanding biblical archaeologist.