

but it is incomplete and no attempt has been made to have it be harmoniously and fully proportioned because that is not the purpose of the Bible. Personally I believe that for Theological students, one of the most important things we can do is to learn what the Bible does not say. Not merely to learn what it does say, but to learn what it does not say, and not to try to make it say what it does not say, for a person who is merely going to have a little knowledge to go out to serve the Lord, well the most vital thing of course is to learn a few great simple facts that the Bible gives. Learn John 3.16. Learn the great essential facts of Salvation. Go out and give them and the Lord will be ~~be~~less you in your effort, but please remember where your knowledge stops and don't try to go beyond that point, because if you do, (12)

Now we are trying here to train people who will be leaders in Christ's name. People who will be able to lead the flock of God and avoid the pitfalls and keep from going off in incorrect and harmful interpretations. But in order to do that of course it is vital to learn what the Bible says and the more we learn of what it teaches, the better, but is extremely vital to learn where what the Bible says stops and the point beyond which it does not tell us anything in connection with any particular part. And not to say, "well, it must be this way", but the Bible doesn't say, we don't know unless we have some real evidence from some other source. There is an illustration that I often give about this that some of you have heard me give in other classes, but I think that it is one that is worth repeating. Supposing that I say to you, "During the last two months I traveled from Jerusalem to Wilmington." What do you know from that statement? You know from that statement that I started in Jerusalem. You know from that statement that I reached Wilmington. You know that I started from Jerusalem, not earlier than two months ago and that I reached Wilmington not later than the two months ago. You know those facts. Beyond that you know nothing. And someone will say well how did he come from Jerusalem to Wilmington. He must have