

ment and spend a lot of time on what it doesn't say, but I think that you will see as we go on that it very vital, so learn what it does say and stand by it, but learn what it doesn't enter into and not to make a point of matters which it does not reveal. God knows these matters. God could have explained ~~tho~~se em all to us. God could have given us an encyclopdedia of volumes that would fill every room in this house and a hundred other houses, and explain everything in the world if he chose, He didn't choose to do it. He gave us a book of sixty six books in which he crowded a tremendous amount of knowledge. You can study it the rest of your life and not get anywheres near all that is in it, but there are hundreds and thousands of matters that He naturally couln't go into in the course of God, and ~~the problems~~ it probably was not important for us to know or He would have gone into them and there's no objection to our guessing about them, but label your guess as a guess and there is no objection to our trying to reach conclusions about them, but don't say that your conclusion is based upon the word of God. If you find some evedance, or hear a conclusion of one of these things, say so, and present it as a theory, but dont present it as the teaching of the Word of God. Now that then is a large part of our purpose this year. It is to get the vital fact of what the OT teaches and we have a great many of them to look at, us about History/and some of you know a great many of those already, and some of you know only a few of them already, and we can't take too much time going over facts that anybody can get from reading the Bible or from ~~listening~~ ^{looking} in to a Bible dictionary. WE'll have to take some time on that. We will take some time getting facts that very few of you know, but we will have to take a great deal of time examining statements in order to see how far does our knowledge go and where does it stop from this statement. In order that we can develop that attitude of studying the statements of the OT and the Bible as a whole which will keep us from getting into all sorts of error as we study different sections of the scripture. This will perhaps come out particularly in the very betinning of it because it is especially important in connection with the study of Genesis 1. Now we are interested, then in