

may, at certain points, increase our understanding. They may be ~~xxx~~ helpful in increasing our knowledge. But in the main, I think that about 98% of our knowledge, now, of these doctrines, is derived from the New Testament statements. ~~x~~

~~z~~Now what is our attitude going to be? I have occasionally known people who have graduated from a seminary, and gone out, and they go into a church and they find somebody who is taking the floor of the tabernacle as a wonderful type of something or other, and some people go to extremes in every little tiny detail of the tabernacle as a type of something, and these people get horrified, and they seem to think their primary object in life is to convince people that ~~xxxxxx~~ these are not types. And I ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ have known churches that have been in great upheaval on account of it. But I would like to say that that is not the purpose of the Christian ministry. ~~x~~ The purpose of the Christian ministry is to take the great truths of the Bible and make them clear, and present them. Now if somebody is presenting the great truths of the Bible, and using illustrations which aren't really applicable to them, praise the Lord that the truths are being presented! Let's rejoice in it. And let us try by stressing sound methods of interpretation to lead people to understanding better how to get more and more truths from the Scriptures, rather than to try to ~~xxxxx~~ attack/ using illustrations of truth, which are not really illustrations.

Now, ~~xxxx~~ if a person is getting things that aren't truth by using a type, that is a different thing. But going to extreme on types is a thing which is a thing I think we should oppose by presenting something better, rather than by opposing it directly. I think that is very important. There are two objects in the Christian ministry. If you take the truth that you get here in seminary, and you go out and you present it ~~xxxxx~~ for the rest of your life, and don't learn any more truth, but stick very closely to the truth you get here, you