

It is clear in what I read to you that he first refused. He said, "I will not go but I will depart to my own land and kindred." And then we have the two verses telling how they urged him. But we have no statement here that he consented

you wouldn't know whether he consented or not. And so, in saying he first refused but later consented I am drawing from a later passage. In fact I think your ^{just} feeling, ~~just~~ from these verses, would be that he had refused. It does not say. And I think it shows the importance of comparing Scripture with Scripture and getting not drawing conclusions simply by inferences from one passage or from one verse. Very often the immediate inference you get ~~is~~ is contradicted ~~by~~ by the further information. We should take what is in the Bible and stand on it but don't go beyond what is in ^a ~~the~~ passage. Compare Scripture with Scripture. I know of no more important rule than this for interpretation, and I believe that 90 percent of the strife between Chn^e denominations would be avoided if people did not read into the Scripture what is not there stated, ~~but~~ but took just what is in a passage and then compared it with other passages, and emphasized what the Lord emphasizes, and did not emphasize what the Lord does not emphasize. I think a truly Biblical theology, a truly Biblical approach, requires not merely that the Bible is our ~~source~~ source, but that we try to get (bw?) the emphasis the Bible gets (), and we try to get strongly what is ~~not clearly~~ clearly taught, but we avoid making inferences beyond what we find clearly taught elsewhere. That's one thing I've always liked about (?) (Jel?) . G(?) would take a passage and see what's there; he'd take another passage and see what's there. But then our human wisdom says, "You take this passage; you take this passage; you put them together, and you get this." And Calvin would never be dogmatic about what he got by putting this passage, and this passage together, and trying ~~to~~ (not clear) for an inference, unless he found that further truth also clearly taught in the Scripture. To him the Bible was to be the final source, not