

that was back of this even though there is no single MS anywhere that has exactly that. God has preserved His truth wonderfully, but we get His truth by comparing passage with passage and studying the Bible as a whole, and not imagining a type of preservation of absolute perfect preservation which He has not given us. After I spoke two weeks ago there were a number who came up and asked if they might have notes on what I had said or some of the factual points I had mentioned. I had two pages mimeographed and I gave them to a number who made requests for them according to a notice on the bulletin board. Later I made three more pages on important facts related to this, and Dr. Newman also made two pages of very important facts not overlapping but complementary to and helpful in connection with the ones I had made. I now have these seven pages mimeographed and those who originally asked for the two pages I have put the seven pages in your box. If there are any others who would like a copy or any who could use additional copies profitably please leave a note for me at the office. If there is any connection with this with which I could be of help please let me know.

But I want to speak today on a wider subject than that. That is a comparatively small phase of the large subject I want to speak of -- hewing out broken cisterns instead of trying to gain what we can from the fountain of living water. This to me immediately suggests the ideal which I have had in mind all my life. It is an ideal which I had in mind in helping to found two theological seminaries prior to this one. And in each of those institutions that ideal was held to a very large extent, but in each of them there came in trends and forces which moved away from the fountain of living waters to the cisterns that are hewn out by purely human effort and purely human ideas and as a result