

God as anyone who ever lived, and he said we know in part and we prophecy in part. Samuel was perhaps as great as any prophet in the OT. But Samuel said--the Lord said to Samuel, You are to anoint one of Jesse's sons and Samuel did not know which one, till he had gone and seen all of them and it was only at the end that he knew. We know in part and prophecy in part.

We believe in Biblical inerrancy. I believe that is very vital. I don't quite like the negative term of the word inerrancy. That there is no error in Scripture. Because the important thing is the truth, rather than the lack of error. Yet I think it is good to use that word, as a reminder to us that every statement Scripture makes to us is dependable, we can stand on it, we can believe in it, we should present it strongly, but we should recognize there are many things the Lord has not revealed to us.

It is all too easy for people when they have something they want to take a stand on and decide about to go to Scripture and take a verse or section and say, Does it teach or does it not teach it? Does it teach this or does it teach the opposite? We approach it with two questions, and I think we should always have three questions. We should say, Does this teach this particular thing? Does it teach us that this is not the truth? Or does it perhaps not deal with that particular matter?

I used to become much upset when I was a seminary student when we were studying some great truths of Scripture, some great theological things in class in theology, and we would turn to a verse that seemed to contradict this great truth. The professor would proceed to interpret that verse in such a way that when he got through the verse meant absolutely nothing! It might better not have been in the Bible! He just explained it away. I don't think we should do that with any part of the Bible. God's Word does not contradict the great truths He has revealed. No part of His Word will contradict another part. Every part of His word has something to teach us.

There is some truth there that it is important that we get. I think it is important we get the truth and see where our knowledge stops. Samuel knew it would be one of Jesse's sons but he did not know which one it would be.

Another thing that in this ch. has puzzled many is his saying, How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me. I don't think that means that Saul(?)=== Samuel was unwilling to die for God's truth, but I think he was convinced he should continue the great work he was doing, presenting God's truth to people, standing against error that Saul was introducing, and representing God in Israel. He did not think that God wanted him to risk his life unnecessarily. So he said, How can I do this? Saul will hear about it and kill me. And the Lord said, Simply say to everybody, I have come to sacrifice. Some people