

Intro. by Norman Jerome: I was a member of the first 3-year class at Faith Seminary. That's the day when Francis Schaeffer was there, Doug Young who started that great school in Jerusalem, Vernon Grounds, Jack Murray, and above all my ideal instructor, Dr. MacRae. We met in Dr. Harold Laird's church, my ideal preacher. Many of you know him. Dr. MacRae has--I don't know how he has survived so well, but he doesn't look any different now really than he did half a century ago! And I hope he'll look just as well when he's through preaching.

AAM: I don't know whether I should take that last remark as wondering if I could last through the whole talk! I was asked to speak on the Profit of the Scriptures. And the thought occurred to me, What shall it profit a man if gain the whole world and loses his own soul? What shall it profit a minister if preach wonderful sermons and all the women gush over him how wonderful he is, and he fills his church with a very large number, but does not train his people to love the Scripture and to grow thereby?

So I'm glad to speak on the Profit of the Scripture because I believe that next to the matter of salvation and what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us on Calvary, there is nothing as important as our relationship to the Word of God.

It always gives me a sad feeling when I go into a Christian bookstore. Because although I see many fine books there about how to do this and how to do that, how to improve your family life and how to build your church, etc., I rarely see many books on discussion of how to interpret the Bible. The section in most of our Christian bookstores today of books dealing with parts of the Bible seem to me to be very, very small. I feel that it is important if we are truly to follow the Lord that we contemplate and more frequently think about just how important the Word of God should be, not as a banner, but as a guide, as food for our spiritual lives, as that to which we should lead our people. That they should grow not simply by taking what we give them, but that they should grow by the food that God provides in the Scriptures.

There are many Bible passages we immediately think of in this connection. It would be particularly appropriate I think to say a word about Ps. 19. "The heavens declare the glory of God. The skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech, night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their voice is gone out into all the earth. Their word to the end of the world." The first 6 vv. of this Psalm deal with the greatness of God. Truly people are blind indeed who can think this world came into existence through accident.

They tell us now that in one single cell of the most simple animal you can find--the one-celled animal--there are more than 100 different enzymes working together as a system. The completion of the little things the Lord has made, and the complexity of the tremendous universe He has made, to say that this came to