

pastoral methods, methods to care for the sick, methods to do missionary work; methods for cross cultural evangelism--and the most important task of all, learning to interpret God's Word, is neglected.

There are many books and magazine articles from which anyone with a trained mind can gain valuable information about methods. All of them have their place, but I believe that nothing is anywhere near as important as learning how to interpret the Word of God correctly, and that this is the major reason for the existence of a seminary. Few, if any, can acquire this knowledge in less than 3 years of full-time study.

We need to be solidly grounded in our confidence in the indestructibility of the Bible. We need to learn how to interpret the Bible correctly. We need to learn to get new truth from it day by day as God opens our eyes to the wonderful treasures in His Word.

We need to study God's Word, not the changing ideas of fallible men. Human thoughts are constantly changing. What in a century or even perhaps in one decade is considered to be established truth is soon abandoned and regarded as mythical or absurd. Human theories rise and fall. Human reasoning is always fallible. Human attitudes change. The only source of knowledge that stands and is endlessly capable of giving new thoughts and ideas is the Word of God. Whatever we find clearly taught there we can stand upon and know that it is true and dependable.

This is indeed a miracle book. There are three great miracles and two great providences of divine control involved in its making.

The first miracle involved in the production of the Bible is the fact of revelation. God has spoken. Actually revelation is a very common thing in life. It simply means the conveying of thoughts from one person to another. Yet when we think of it this is a very involved procedure. We often misunderstand what each other means. For God to actually reveal thoughts, ideas,