

~~Since the Bible contains within itself all that is necessary for its interpretation comparison of Scripture with Scripture~~

Since the Bible is God's Word to us it contains within itself all that is necessary for its interpretation. Comparison of Scripture with Scripture, examination of the way words are used in the different parts of the book, a study of the progress of thought, doing one's best to keep to one's own cultural background and presuppositions out of the picture should lead to a discovery of the thoughts God wishes us to have. A philosophy which is not/founded upon the Word of God is like the waves of the sea, subject to constant change, and *provides* has no solid foundation for any definite results.

We may not be able to restore precisely the thought form and attitudes of men who lived in an age very different from our own is ~~at best~~ at best

A look at the historical situation can be of importance in understanding a passage and there are places where archaeology has brought to light evidence that has been helpful in this regard. Knowledge of a writer's background and situation can be helpful. As the paper has pointed out however, there are many cases where we do not know the authorship. God is the Author of it all, and if we need knowledge of human *is needed* the/author to enable us to understand *a portion* what he says, God has placed it in the Scripture. If *he* has not *done so* put it there, we can rest assured that we do not need *about* it for proper interpretation.

In my opinion one of the most important things we can do in handling the Scripture is to be precise and careful not merely in seeing what we find there but in stopping short at what is not revealed. Thus if the statement is made that something is found in the book of ~~Samuel~~ Samuel this is merely a designation of a particular ~~book~~ book, much of which deals with events after Samuel's death. It says nothing *about* on the