

Bible. We have no right to limit authority of God's word to one particular section or part of it. It is all equally true, and any part of it we may find statements of tremendous importance. We may also find statements which seem to us to be comparatively unimportant. If we study it long enough we will eventually find that they have real importance, but we may never have reason to think them to be a thousandth as important as <sup>certain</sup> other statements which come nearer to the heart of the great teaching of the book.

It is equally true that not all of it is equally understandable. Any statement in human words may raise questions which present difficulties of understanding or interpretation. Some statements are very clear and some contain possibilities of ambiguity. We notice that the statement about the two disciples on the Emmaus Road might refer to two men or to a man and a woman. It could even be suggested that it was two women who were involved, and the statement in itself would not prove whether this was or was not the case. Where we read the names of the 12 apostles it is made very clear that these 12 were men. Of that there is no question. Thus that is much more understandable in this particular regard than ~~the~~ the statement about the disciples on the Emmaus Road. A divine book is bound to give us the mind of God, as He desires ~~to~~ it to be available for Christians in all ages. Much that may be perfectly clear to people in certain situations, may seem very vague to people in other situations. Orthodox theology holds that it is the Christian's duty to go through the entire Bible picking out those statements in it which are clear and understandable to the student. Upon these he should stand firmly and make no compromise as to the acceptance of them as objective truth. Then he will find many statements that he will not fully understand, as he goes on studying further he will learn more about these. He may find that some of the things he thought were clear in other statements in the light of further study prove not to be contained in them. The Bible is all equally true but it is not all ~~equally~~ equally understandable by any means.