

can't imagine how different our background is from that of the other doctoral students here who have taken their seminary work at this institution. They said, When we have a problem to take up, these men immediately look at the recent literature, at the various books, and they list the authorities that say this view, and these authorities say this view. They pile up the authorities here and here, but they know more far about these recent thinkers than we do. But they said, We can go to the Scriptures in the original and see what the Bible teaches and they do not have the training to do this. So they said, We have a tremendous advantage over them when it comes to learning what the Bible teaches on a particular subject.

Now three years is a short time. As I mentioned, the theological course I would like to give would take 8 to 10 years! Three years is a short time, you can't do everything in three years. I wish we could spend the whole of 3 years just teaching people to speak, teaching them to conduct Sunday School classes, teaching them practical aspects of the work. We cannot take a great deal of time on that sort of thing because, I believe, the most important thing is exegesis of the Scriptures, to learn to know what the Bible says, and get that which comes from the spring itself instead of that which comes from the cisterns of human thought and human knowledge. So we give some time to those things, and we have to, and it is vital we should.

Now there are other institutions which, I believe == which are not unorthodox institutions, which are not institutions teaching unbelief but which are institutions which might be called philosophical institutions rather than Bible institutions. They study the view of different thinkers. Of course in Germany today you have chairs in all the universitites supported by the State in which men, most of them unbelievers, are given a substantial salary to work out new theories!