

its philosophical background; he can show how all the elements fit together. He can do a wonderful job in presenting its doctrines, presenting its system, but he said, When it comes to the Bible and getting into it and seeing what is there and bringing it out to us, he ~~said~~ said he is lost. That has been a sad thing through the years about a great many orthodox seminaries - that they haven't learned really to get into the Word and to understand it themselves and bring out its treasures that are there.

That's why I'm so glad we took the name Biblical, because I believe that at the very foundation of all true Christian work there must be knowledge of the Bible, and willingness humbly to take all our ideas, all our preconceptions, all our systems of thought and to put them before what we find in the Bible and have readiness to change any preconceived ideas in the light of what we find taught in God's Word.

I read a wonderful book a few years ago, a book called, When Iron Gates Yield. It was written by an English missionary to Tibet. He was there presenting the Word of God in Tibet and one day the Communist armies swept across that land, and he was ~~seized~~ seized. All his property was taken away from him. For three years he was kept much of the time absolutely alone in ~~a~~ isolation. Other times he was put with a group of people who were indoctrinated in communist teaching and they tried to brainwashing and finally after three years when they released him they gave him back his Bible and other things. He said that during those years the part of the Bible that he had memorized, that he had in his mind and was able to quote ~~XXXXXX~~ was what made all the difference between sanity and loss of mind. It made all the difference between his going through the experience triumphantly ~~and~~ as he did and falling by the wayside.

If something like that should happen to you, how much of God's Word is hid in your heart? This is a day when people don't like to memorize. We don't like to ~~take~~ rote things. We like to deal with things. But I'll tell you, there's a real objective, a real accomplishment in getting things right in your mind where you can quote them. And it is a wonderful thing when you are serving the Lord and dealing with other people if you can quote exactly what it says without having the thumb for it in the Scripture. I when when I was a young man that I had started in to do more Bible memorizing that I ever did. I think I would be better off today if I had. I commend it to you -- not merely study the Word of God, but memorize it. Memorize it in a good translation. Or do like Dr. Buswell did. He set to work to memorize the whole book of Romans in the Greek. That's not so good for quotation, but it's wonderful for your own heart! To be able to recall those Greek words and go over them and meditate upon them. Memorize it in the original. Memorize it in any good Bible-believing translation, but make it a part of you

Now two other goals I had in mind. Not so clearly taught in the Scripture, at least not so emphasized in the Scripture as these two goals but two that I think are very effective, a very important for our effectiveness in life. I commend them to you for thought during this semester, and for an attempt to make progress in.