

...Testimony of the Seminary. When it comes to describing its history it is hard to know just where to begin, because it goes way back, it's a very long history. As a matter of fact, I like to start the history of the Seminary with Genesis 3:3, Genesis 3.1 rather, because we read there how the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made, and he said unto the woman, yea, hath God said ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? What had God said? It is important that we know exactly what God had said. And it is important that we follow exactly what God said. Now in this case we read in Genesis 2 that God said to Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree of the garden except one, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and He said to them that tree thou shalt not eat of it for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. But Satan came to Eve and he asked a question, yes, has God said you mustn't eat of any of the trees of the garden? And he got the poor woman all confused and rattled. What had God really said? Well you notice ~~it's been~~ ^{he} carried ^{it} over to one extreme here. What a God we have that won't let you eat of any of ~~these~~ ^{this} lovely trees, from all of these trees, you mustn't eat of any tree in the garden. And then Eve jumped over to the opposite side, Eve said no, she said, we can eat of all the trees except this one, but God said of this one, ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And you notice the opposite extreme she went there, you mustn't even touch this tree. But God hadn't said anything about touching it at all. What had God said? There lives ~~depended~~ upon it. Their whole destiny depended upon it. Our destiny depended upon it, knowing exactly what God had said. And ~~one thing~~ once Satan got them all confused as to what God had said, then he went ahead to raise all sorts of questions in their minds as to the goodness of God. After ^{all} ~~this~~ tree is a wonderful thing, it will open your eyes, you'll be like God. How much better it is to enjoy it than to let God treat you in this mean way, keep you from eating this thing that is available to you •