

ber the incidental details, of which there are thousands. I would like you to know the main points accurately. Otherwise we would have no basis on which to go on and present the answers.

Before we take up the higher criticism I want to discuss what the Pentateuch is. We could easily take a month or two on this, for it is very vital. But it is something which you can easily get for yourselves now or later. I want to have as much time as possible in the course for the higher criticism so we will have to run very rapidly through this. Yet, even if you are familiar with it already, it is vital that we give a little attention to it at the beginning, for it is the basis of everything that follows and it shows the importance of the whole subject.