

this is not a type of evidence which God has given us, he naturally draws the conclusion from it that all of our belief is just a lot of junk and you can't blame him and I think it is mightily important that we learn what is the truth and that we stand by the truth. And if by telling a story that is vague and indefinite and not dependable you may lead a thousand people into the kingdom and if by sticking close to the truth, you only reach a hundred you may feel sad about but look at them ten years later my guess is that you'll find your hundred have accomplished a great deal more, more of them are still professing christians after ten years than your thousand won by indefinite and inaccurate statements. And so that is one thing we are interested in here, is, what is the truth on these matters. ~~idxxx~~ I don't say that you'll get the spiritual blessing from this course that you would get from the study of the word. Personally I love the courses in which we go directly into the Word and try to decide exactly what it says and exactly what it means. However this is vital and it is important and the facts we find in this course are facts which I feel every Christian should get and get so that he knows them. I hate this ~~xxx~~ idea of American Education. You learn something, write it on an exam and forget it. You've got your credit, and for the rest of your life you can say I learned that once, I don't know anything about it now. I give you fair warning, if you ever any other O.T. class with me while you are in Faith Seminary, don't be surprised if I ask you on an exam a question dealing with something we have had in this class. Because I feel that this is a foundation course to other courses and it is only to faire to assume that you keep this knowledge and that you have available for those other courses.

2. The Importance of the Old Testament

Why bother with Introduction to the Old Testament? We got the New Testament, what more do you want? Some say we have John 3:16 what more do you want? Go out and preach John 3:16 why do you need to know anything more? To know John 3:16 you have to know the rest of the Bible. It is easy for a person raised in a Christian background to know what John 3:16 means, he knows what the other truths of the Bible are and they are summed up beautifully in John 3:16. It is the grandest verse in the Bible. But it is not a verse that stands alone. It is a summary of the teaching of the New Testament. You cannot have just what you want just in one verse and God didn't give it to us that way, God gave us the whole Bible. Here is the N.T. that is the center of our religion. Rather than to get a smattering of Hebrew and a smattering of Greek,