

with their previous viewpoint. So, when Jesus met these men on the Emmaus Road, and they were sorrowing because their Master had died, and He was the one whom they thought would redeem Israel, Jesus turned to them, and in Luke 24:25 we read that He said, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. ~~How~~ Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

They should have seen them, they're there; they're not obvious and many a person could have read them and not seen them; but He said they should have found them, they're there. They should have studied it and seen these vital truths.

How many vital truths are there that you and I should know, and we will not know unless we go to the Scripture with the scientific method of approach, examine it carefully and find what is there. But if we follow this method, and this method only, we can be absolutely useless in God's kingdom. We can have a lot of theories, a lot of knowledge, a lot of true facts in our minds, and we can be like the one of whom James said, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and tremble." It is absolutely necessary that we know the facts, but it is not enough that we know the facts. So, I told this student ~~that~~ I thought he should ^{vital} carefully balance his/study of Scripture to gain facts with an equally vital approach to the Scripture from another viewpoint. I recommended to him that every day he read a portion of the Scripture with this specific question in mind: "What does this have to say to me?" How does it relate to me personally? Is there something here I should be doing, is there something here I should not be doing? Is there something here that I should be appropriating and following?" And if you will spend half your time of Bible ^{specifically} study looking at it/from this viewpoint, what a difference it will make ~~in~~ in your life!

Take this second chapter of 1 Peter: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings ... " It's easy to get