

...and so in our seminary, as in most seminaries in the country years ago, the great stress is on learning to understand the Word of God. Now when you get into this field, ;you have in actual development a progression. You build a big building, you build a great skyscraper here and they will perhaps spend their ~~first~~ ^{first several} months with great excavations and pouring great quantities of cement, making a very solid ~~foundation~~ ^{foundation} and when you see this skyscraper standing there, ~~you don't give any thought to the foundation,~~ you don't see anything of the foundation, you wouldn't even know it's there, but if that foundation wasn't there, the skyscraper wouldn't last any more. So for the understanding of God's Word we have to put in a lot of cement to make a foundation. And that's always rather tedious and it isn't obvious later on, but it's tremendously important (7)

And of that the first step is the study of the languages used, the study of Greek and Hebrew. The trend of ~~all~~ ^{of} all the modern seminaries is to get away from that, either not to teach them or to relax. The trend in many conservative seminaries is a comparatively little

but the actual attitude is not one of going to the Word of God and understanding it and seeing what it says, but of taking certain doctrines, certain viewpoints that have been passed down to them, study those and passing them on, instead ~~of~~ ^{of} getting a foundation in the Word of God.

John Robinson, the pastor of the ^{Pilgrim} ~~Christian~~ fathers when they came to America said I believe

but that God has put in this book the guidance, the leading for His people all through the time until our Lord comes. There are passages in it which may seem to be of little importance to one period, and then as things work out you see (8)