

comparing Scripture with Scripture, the importance of the impact of the Scripture as a whole, the importance of this study of interrelations. In the study of interrelations it is also very important that we study each particular passage as well as we can. Because it is possible to misinterpret a passage, and then misinterpret another passage in the light of that, and misinterpret another in the light of that and thus get in on into all kinds of misinterpretations because we have not been careful with particular passages, so the precise understanding is important. But eventually if we get the precise understanding we have to study Scripture as a whole. Almost any statement is only partial. There are comparatively few statements we can make that can stand absolutely by themselves.

Sometimes people say, Why that is just as clear as two plus two equals four. What is so awfully clear about that - that two plus two equals four? If you~~x~~ have two of something and you have two more of exactly the same thing and you add them together you will get four of the same thing. But if you add two quarts and two pints you don't get four of anything. If you add two horses to two cats, you don't get four --- well you might say you get four animals perhaps. You can sometimes make a word. But most every statement has to be enlarged and developed in order to get the full meaning. We need other statements to make it clear. However we must try to get as precise as we can on each particular statement. I want to mention a few preliminary matters about the difficulty of being precise, in a particular statement.

The first of these is the matter that is often misunderstood or neglected that words are areas. Most words are not points.