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Orientation

- 1 Eph. 5:15-17 Understand what the will of the Lord is  
Learn nothing from nature about God's character  
Many think Revelation is outdated, old fashioned idea
- 2 No way to know about me except by revelation  
In Mich.(N) -9 mo. winter, 3 mo. late fall.
- 3 God did not give us the Bible in order to explain all the  
mysteries of the universe  
Mr. Taylor's expertise in tree planting and surgery  
Bible gives us definite facts about God  
Tendency to try to make a systematic theology out of this  
Three questions to ask when we come to the Bible  
Does it teach this? Or that? or not deal with this problem?
- 4 John' Calvin's insistence not to be dogmatic about an inference  
Importance of knowing the original languages  
B.B.Warfield → 284 different interpretations on one verse and  
al wrong
- 5 No value in having a smatter of Greek and Hebrew.  
Master one
- 6 Majority of world not interested in what the will of the Lord is
- 7 More important to know His will than to know all the mysteries  
of the universe  
Everyone has somebody they can reach for Christ that nobody else can  
Why does God leave us here on earth after we're saved?  
Leaves us to make us His jewels and to be His tools:
- 8 To make us His Jewels Mat. 3:16-17  
Diamond dug from ground, cleaned and polished  
Skilled workman breaks it into a beautiful diamond
- 9 Need to guard against falling into sin
- 10 Our sin affects others  
Dental patient who preferred to not use novocain because  
of sin in her life  
Gal. 5:22
- 11 To make us His tools  
Chinaman need to improve his English pronunciation
- 12 Minister's wife died prior to flu epidemic when many of his  
own congregation died. Learned to sympathize and comfort
- 14 Importance of keeping marriage vows
- 15 Jonathan Edwards influence upon his family
- 16 Forgetful of people's faces