

to give us this Bible that we have. Oh what the profit is that God would do all this to give it to us. What profit there should be in this book for us. And yet how little our people take advantage of it today.

I happened to pass a place where there was a modernist meeting a few years ago. They had a book table and I stepped in and glanced at the table and saw a book which said, How to become a Bishop without being religious. I opened the book and glanced at two or three pages of it. One place I glanced at the man said, "You must remember frequently in your sermons to say, 'The Bible says', and they after you have said 'the Bible say' you can say anything you want to, the people won't know the difference. But what you say will make a great hit with them if you keep saying, The Bible says."

It's said, but I fear there's a lot of truth to it. Our people read the Bible, but do they feed on the Bible? We venerate the Bible. We talk about it. Do we get our information, do we get our ideas from the Bible or are we getting them from what some human being has written? Are we getting them from what some man has worked out? Are we getting it from what some theologian has said? Or are we going to the fountain of living waters to get what we need?

On the most important thing is to bring people to an understanding of what Jesus did at Calvary. To bring them to faith in Him, but after they == after that it is not God's will that we remain as babes! It's His will that we grow by the sincere milk of the word. God has given us His Book, not only to give us information, but to give us what we need for our spiritual growth and the minister who does not himself constantly profit by the word of God, bury himself in it, compare Scripture with Scripture, gather new truths, new ideas, new understandings from the Scripture all the time is not growing spiritually as he should.

A minister who does not teach his people to study the word and to grow in it is not giving to them what he should give. I was just thinking this morning, how wonderful if our people would take just a simple method of Bible study such as to say of each chapter: What is the subject of this chapter? What are the principle lessons you learn from this chapter? What do you find is your favorite v. in this ch. Just mention the names of the individuals in this ch. Just a simple thing like that. But to go thru ch. after ch. and make their minds work on what they find there and ~~ix~~ get from ~~ix~~ it the truths to build up their souls. What a difference it would make in their spiritual life ~~ix~~ in becoming what God wants them to be.

We live in a world of change. We live in a world in which we don't know how soon the Lord may come back. We don't know what changes are going to occur. We don't know what new problems we may have to face if the Lord tarries, but the answers to these new problems are in the Scriptures. Perhaps not recognized by anybody before. Perhaps never understood before.