

What God wants us to have is there. We need to get our people to study the Scripture more, to grow by it. But we need also ourselves to study it and to grow by it and we need to study it in the original, to get the exact meaning of these words, to get the new truths from it that fit the problems and needs of our own day.

Some people say, How can a book written in Palestine, in a different culture where they had only== they had no automobiles, they had not radio or TV, how can a book written then have meaning for us today? One book has been written by a real Christian. It is called, The Two Horizons. He says, We must immerse ourselves in the history of that day to understand what they mean to refer it to our day." I think that's junk. I believe that God gave us the words that apply to our day as much as to that day, and what we need to know of that culture to explain and to understand it we can find somewhere in the Scriptures. I believe we can find in the Scripture everything we need for its explanation, but that God has new truths for everyone of us in His Word. If we are to guide God's people aright in the difficulties that may lie ahead I believe it is very important that we learn the new truths as they come to fit the new circumstances and that we learn old truths that we have not thought of that fit our particular circumstances as our lives develop.

Oh the profit of the Scriptures. How short we all fall of getting all the profit we should. How short our people come of getting the profit they should have. Oh may God help us to understand the truths we get and to give them the part and place in our lives and in our ministry that He desires us to have.

Shall we have a word of prayer? Our Father, we thank you for your Word, for this Scripture, this revelation from God. We know that the much of it describes what the people saw and experienced, we know that you led and kept them from error so that all of it is a revelation to us of the mind of God. Help us, our Father, to gain what each of us needs from your Scripture. Help us, our Father, in our work to develop among our people a love for your Word, a desire to get them to understand the message that God has for each of us. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.