

ments, nor should we draw unwarranted inferences from our own observations. The Bible does not give material for a textbook of geology or of chemistry. Where it touches on these fields it cannot be wrong. We must beware however out of a few brief references to think that we are able to construct a whole system.

There is a certain complexity in the matter of interpretation of the Bible as is worth every bit of thought and energy that we can devote to it, yet the basic and most important matter is our approach to the Bible. We should recognize as God's Word, as inerrant, as free from error, and standing upon this foundation, go on to learn what God wants us to know about His world. It is very unfortunate that those who believe the Bible have to spend so great a part of their time trying to defend this very foundation point of their attitude toward it.

In conclusion there is one very vital matter that should be made clear. We have stated that the basic theological challenge of today is the question whether the Bible is God's Word and is inerrant and altogether dependable, This is the basic theological challenge. It is not the major personal challenge. If we get the basic theological challenge and do not properly answer the major personal challenge, it is worth little. We could then be like Noah's carpenters, preparing an ark for others who will be saved while we ourselves will be lost. The major personal challenge is the question what think ye of Christ? Have we found, learned to know Him as our Saviour and Sin-bearer, have we cast our sins at His feet, and known that He is only too glad to take the burden away from us? Have we entered into a personal relationship with Him wherein what matters is not intellectual advance or anything else, but solely the question of how we are serving our Lord who died to save us. If we have this personal, the question of our having this personal relation to Him is far more important than the question of our attitude on the inerrance of the Word of God.

Yet we must, the last-made statement needs considerable qualification. These two cannot be properly be put against each other. Knowledge that the Bible is God's Word