

other scholars should find means of interpreting it and get from it exact facts that exactly fit with what is in the Bible.

The Bible is not just a book to put up on the shelf and say isn't this wonderful. It is a book to read, meditate upon and study. In it we find the wisdom of God. There are statements in it that are so clear that a wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein. There are other statements that have to be dug into before we can see exactly what their meaning is. I would like to call your attention to a different sort of statement at this time. It is in the book of Romans. One of the vv. we are most familiar with is Romans 8:28 "And we know . . . according to his purpose." What a marvelous verse. I wish we could take an hour to look into its wonderful teaching. Certainly the Christian has no right to worry since he has the tremendous privilege of belonging to him that are described in this verse. Yet for everyone who is familiar with this verse, I feel there are comparatively few who are familiar with the verse that immediately precede it, but these vv. also contain something that is tremendously important. Look at vv. 26-27. "Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities." This word "our infirmities" in the Greek is in the dative; it is a dative of specification. The Spirit in relation to our infirmities. Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought but the Spirit himself makes ^{intercession} ~~groanings~~ for us with ~~groanings~~ groanings which cannot be uttered." In this case the word "groaning" is also in the dative, just like the word "infirmities" above. This word used to puzzle me a great deal. When I was a boy I used to feel sorry for the poor Spirit who had groanings that he could not utter! Of course this is a mininterpretation. The Spirit of God is God Himself--the Third Person of the Trinity. He is