

enable him perhaps to ~~k~~ be able to pronounce a Hebrew word referred to in a commentary. But his ~~study of~~ study of the OT^o was based upon the thoughts of men, not upon the thoughts of God. When I ~~was~~ helped in starting some new seminaries we laid it down as one of our important rules that Hebrew must be taken before much OT^o work could be done, and partic I felt particularly desirous that there should be no systematic theology taken by our students until they had had a good foundation in Hebrew. ~~Systema~~ Systematic theology begins with the study of the ~~attributes~~ ^{attributes} of God. How much of what we know about God is based on the OT^o If one has to get this only through the ideas of men as to what these attributes are or even from the idea of men as to what the words in the OT^o mean we are getting God's thoughts second-hand. Dictionaries may ~~b~~ give a meaning for a Hebrew word, but no Hebrew word exactly corresponds to an English word. No Hebrew form exactly corresponds ~~xxxx~~ No Hebrew systactical structure exactly corresponds. WE have to learn the precise usage of these various words, forms and structures and then we are able to determine what they mean, what a given ~~passage~~ ^{passage} means.

Men have great ideas. Men sometimes stumble onto wonderful things. Finite human intelligence works out conclusions on many matters but all of these are fallible. The only thing that is infallible is what God has said, not what human beings think he said, not what human beings have gathered ~~ga~~ together by comparing Scripture, not what human beings have worked out over a course of years ~~xx~~ but what God has actually said. God has food for our lives in the Scripture. We read in 1 Peter, "Desire the sincere ~~mil~~ of the word that you may grow thereby." Unfortunately the NIV translates it "desire pure spiritual food." What is pure spiritual food? The Hebrew(?) Greek word is logikos and occurs nowhere else but is related to the word logic which in turn is taken from the Greek word logos. Surely this verse points to the fact when we examine it carefully in the light of == It means it is the pure, ~~xxxxxx~~ unadulterated [sincere (without ~~wax~~ is of Latin origin)]