

The other thing that was mentioned to me after, I hope to mention later on because it is of importance in connection with something I want to mention before we're through. But now I mentioned the first day there are two purposes in the Bible: God gave us the Bible as a source of knowledge, but He also gave it for its impact. It is valuable for knowledge; it is valuable for impact. A great part of its effect on most Christians is the impact it has. I have known people who have been greatly blessed by taking three words out of context and using them to drive home to their minds something that was really true. There are stories in the Bible which may not add much to our knowledge, but add tremendously/<sup>sometimes</sup> to our reasons to being loyal to God and to trying to follow His Word. There is much <sup>material</sup> ~~more~~ in the Bible which it is not apparent immediately to us what its effect on our knowledge is. God could, if He had chosen, given us a textbook on theology instead of the Bible. There is one God - tell what He wants to about him. There are three persons in the Godhead - tell about either. Go on give us like a good church & creed only somewhat enlarged. He could have given us a book like that. But He chose not to do it. He chose to look down upon a world that was trying to put God out of its mind and to forget Him, and to give us great literature, to give us an account of His dealings with human beings in all sorts of situations. To give us material which has had tremendous impact on human life, and some of ~~those~~ the most unexpected portions of it have had tremendous impact on the life of individuals. So the Bible to a great many people,