

Then he would put in a few words saying he believed in inerrancy but he would have discussions in which to my mind he ruled out the Scripture as being anything dependable. I don't want to say the name of this man. I don't see anything to be gained by it by mentioning his name. But he is a man who taught in a fine theological seminary for a number of years, head of the OT department, and very highly thought of. Then went to get a PH.D. from Harvard and for 3 years tried to get accepted but they were afraid that a man with his straightlaced views would not profit from their teaching. Finally after 3 yrs. he persuaded them to accept him. I don't know how many years he spent there but he came out and still says he believes in inerrancy and all the great doctrines, etc. and he is highly regarded by many many people, but as you go through his paper he makes in my opinion enough of all these different approaches to leave you with nothing but the attitudes and philologies of men and not leaving you with a Bible that is something ~~is~~ solid and dependable that you can stand upon.

To me the meeting was a very valuable experience to be there and hear the discussion, but a great part of it was good people who want to believe the Bible, people who were teachers in in good evangelical institutions who were to a lesser extent than this man but to a considerable extent greatly affected by these books and articles on hermeneutics and took approaches to the Scripture that to my mind leaves you with Scripture not as a solid evidence for anything.

Some wanted statements that we must follow genre criticism, we must use historical criticism, we must use higher criticism, etc., but of course we won't say anything that does not believe in inerrancy. But when you get through with it you wonder in their saying they believe in inerrancy means they believe the Bible is a source book or whether it is simply a place to go to for the ideas of human beings to find something that represents their ideas.

Unfortunately in our Christian world is very very ignorant of the Bible. They know the Bible stories, yes. But as to what it really teaches, they know what the S.S. Quarterly says, they know what they have heard in a sermon but as to getting into the Bible and seeing what it really says, I fear that the greater part of the Christian world is ready to take just about what anyone in whom they have confidence gives them.

I've seen a number of statements recently that refer to the doctrine of the sacredness of human life. Well the statement was made over and over. What is the doctrine of the sacredness of human life? As far as I can see a doctrine is something that is so clear in Scripture that a great many people are ready to give abundant evidence for it. I can't find any evidence in Scripture that ~~the Bible~~ teaches any doctrine of the sacredness of human life. Certainly the Bible teaches the sacredness of the human spirit. It teaches that our spirit is everlasting, and if we believe in Christ--it is tremendously important, the spirit of the one who is saved, through Christ.