

or more had been taken over by those who deny the Gospel. Each of them now trains students to tear the Bible to pieces. Yet in recent years a considerable number of new evangelical seminaries had been founded. Why should there be another?

It was our desire that Biblical Seminary be a seminary where understanding the Bible is the principal objective. When I was a student at Princeton Seminary, before the liberals gained control, students took 8 credit hours of Hebrew in the first year and 2 in the second, and this was continued when I began my teaching elsewhere. At both institutions I noticed that most students at the end of 10 hours of Hebrew were just approaching a point where they might begin to really use it.

At Princeton I found a great dearth of real exegetical training. Thus I attended a one-hour elective in Exegesis of 2 Corinthians, in which, after half a semester, the lectures had not yet gone beyond the opening words, "Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ." I had heard much of real value about the meaning of apostleship and about the life of Paul, but I had really learned nothing about exegesis. It did not teach me how to go to the Bible and find the truths that it contains.

It is easy to tell students what a professor thinks about many subjects. It is far more important to teach them to interpret the Bible for themselves, rather than merely using a set of class notes. They should be able to go to the Old and New Testaments and become, as Jesus said in Matt. 13:52 "like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old" and thus have a source of knowledge that is constantly being replenished from the fountain of God's wisdom.

Satan loves nothing more than to induce people to lay the Word of God aside and turn their attention to other subjects. Seminaries become filled with courses on methods! Methods for homiletics; teaching methods;