

You know there are a great many of us who find it very easy to be like the woman who when she heard Whitfield preach said, " Oh how she loved to hear him preach. She said, everytime he said that blessed word Mesopotamia she couldn't help weeping. (Laughter from audience) ^(8½) It is a collection of ~~the w~~ beautiful words to us. But after all, while it is beautiful words, when it gives us a glow when we read it, that is not the reason God gave it to us. God gave it to us in order to tell us facts that are vital for our lives. Now of course you can know all the facts in the world and that alone will not do you any good. James said Thou believest in one God. Thou doest well. The demons believe and tremble. You can believe all the facts of the most orthodox priest and it does not do you the least bit of good if they do not become ~~a~~ experimental matters as part of your life. If you are not personally and infinitely related to the Lord Jesus Christ. they do you absolutely no good. And yet the facts are tremendously vital. Because if your experience is not closely rooted on the facts of God's word, it can very easily swing out in some direction that will be utterly contrary to God's will. Experience is absolutely necessary and vital. And without the illumination and direction fo the Holy Spirit, our lives can not ~~be~~ be expected to accomplish anything that is worth while but in the end if ~~our~~ lives are worth while they must be checked and checked and checked repeatedly by the facts of the statements of the Bible. And it is those definite statments in that book of facts that will determine in the end whether our life was spent accomplishing something for the Lord or whether we were rushing off madly in possibly the wrong direction. The scientific approach toward the old testament will not save anybody. But apart from ~~this~~ it, one service for the Lord is apt to prove in the end to be wood, hay, and stubble . Religion and science are not two different fields. That is to say that ~~the~~ methods that apply in one, apply in the other. You can not say, in science I decide how the world came into be~~ing~~ing. I decide the facts of evolution. I decide all these important historical matters but religion gives me great value.