

New Testament Exegesis

Lecture # 2. The World of the Exegete

I. Introduction: In this lecture our consideration turns to some points preliminary to the work of exegesis. These are mostly mental considerations but important all the same for an understanding of the work and purposes of the exegete.

II. Discussion:

A. He delights in strange things! (some definitions)

1. Exegesis:

a. eisegesis

b. interpretation

2. Hermeneutics:

a. General:

b. Special

3. Exposition

4. Grammar

5. Syntax

6. Context

B. He dwells in unusual places (the work)

1. Haunting original documents...an interpreter without this knowledge is greatly limited

2. Consulting the "most-primary" sources. A contradiction in adjectival usage to be sure, but the exegete tries to be a first hand man as much as is possible in every situation.

3. Delighting in unusual spots. ...the questions, the difficult places, the argued points.

C. He thinks "inexpressible thoughts"

1. Regarding the Biblical text:

a. inspiration

b. transmission

c. textual work (lower criticism, etc)

2. Assumes historical reality:

a. the Word originated historically