

PREFACE



HY ANOTHER BOOK of G. Campbell Morgan Biblical exposition? There are two very good reasons for it. One is that any exposition from this source has the salty tang of freshness and the ringing tones of eternal truth. The other is that this particular volume reveals so much of the method and purpose of the author as he approached the Book.



It is "previously unpublished Morgan," in the sense that it has never before appeared in book form. Originally printed in a small British paper-The Christian-it was at first entitled "Highways of Biblical Revelation," which gives a clue to its intent. Dr. Morgan was one of those rare Christians who saw the Bible as a whole, and studied it as a whole, and not parts. He had little admiration for those "students" who open the Bible at random, close their eyes and point to a text -and accept the text as God's primary revelation to them. "Some people," he said, "juggle with the Bible. . . . I tried that once, and found my finger pointing to the story of Balaam and his ass. . . . That cured me of juggling the Bible." Nor did he care for the "proof-text" method that of lifting a fragment out of the context to prove a theological point: "That is not Bible study. . . . I can prove anything from the Bible [by] choosing my texts. I can prove that my audience . . . should go out and hang themselves. 'Judas went out and hanged himself.' 'Go, and do thou likewise!' "



He knew the Bible better than most men of his generation, and he saw in its pages something that most of them missed: that in this labyrinthian house of truth one could understand and find his way best by laying hold upon a golden cord that runs from Genesis to Revelation: the golden cord of revelation and redemption. Through it all, like Tennyson's "one increasing purpose," ran this emphasis and air.



Unlike the exposition of his Searchlights of the Word, in which he cast new light upon various great passages of Scripture, here he binds together the central thoughts of all the chapters, as a road-building engineer might bind together main and tributary avenues of travel into a cross-continental highway. Dr. Henry C. Thiessen, in his Introductory Lectures in Systematic Theology, puts it thus: "The Bible is to the theologian what nature is to the scientist-a body of unorganized and only partly related facts. God has not seen fit to write the Bible in the form of a Systematic Theology; it remains for us, therefore, to gather together the scattered facts and to build them into a logical system. . . ."



his, Dr. Morgan has done in this volume. It will be, to many, the crowning achievement of his amazing career as princely preacher and inspired teacher of the Word.

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