

Note to the Reader

It won't be long before you'll be saying to yourself that this book's a sledgehammer cracking a peanut, and you might be tempted to put it aside in disgust – or worse. I can well understand that reaction. But, if I may be presumptuous, I suggest that you would be making a mistake. Serious issues – very serious issues – are at stake in what follows. Not just technicalities about biblical interpretation – although, when we meet slipshod hermeneutics, based on a presupposed system of theology, in an article appearing in a prestigious Reformed magazine, somebody has to take a stand. After all, as I will show, the writer of the article in question was dealing with a very significant part of God's word, and he was talking about what he called 'the crucial factor', saying 'there is a crucially important point to be learned here'. Slipshod hermeneutics over 'the crucial factor... [the] crucially important point'? Well... that's my accusation. What follows is my justification of it. What is more, since the spiritual welfare of believers is under threat by that aforesaid article, I feel compelled to speak up.

So why not read on? It's only a short book, after all. And, you never know, you might get a profitable surprise. Why not take the risk? It won't be all negative!