

SOME MISTAKES AND PERILS OF HIGHER CRITICISM FROM A PREACHER'S STANDPOINT.

I AM sure that I may draw largely on your sympathy to-night. You will recognize the vastness of the field of thought to which our theme invites us, and understand how impossible it will be for me, in the time I can take, to deal adequately with the many phases of this much discussed subject. You will admit the necessity of my keeping to a very few points, and if I should not refer to many features of the discussion in which you are specially interested, my excuse must be, not that I do not recognize their importance, but that my time is limited and that I have selected those which seem to be most vital and may be most helpful to all. I shall have to take it for granted that you are all fairly acquainted with the ground over which we travel; that your reading has familiarized you with the terminology employed and the principal authors from whom I may quote,