

FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue the emphasis falls on questions of a hermeneutical nature. In the first article the nature of man's knowledge of the truth is discussed. The hypothesis, that truth is neither absolute, nor relative, but that it should rather be described as "relational", is illustrated with reference to two well-known "Introductions" to the New Testament: those of Kümmel and of Guthrie. The second contribution deals with a subject from the Old Testament: it explains how archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, especially those at Ras Shamra, have yielded new information which has improved the understanding and translation of a text like the oracles of Jeremiah. The last article contains an interesting perspective on an evergreen challenge to the preacher, namely the Christological interpretation of the Old Testament.

*Readers have no doubt noticed the journal's transformation since the previous issue. The availability of a word processor and better binding procedures not only facilitate processing, but also provide a better end product. We hope the new format will appeal to our readers, and also contribute to the legibility of the journal.

REDAKSIONEEL

In hierdie uitgawe val die nadruk sterk op vrae van 'n hermeneutiese aard. In die eerste artikel word die aard van die mens se kennis van waarheid bespreek, wat nóg as absoluut, nóg as relatief, maar as "relasioneel" beskryf word. Die uitgangspunt word geïllustreer aan die hand van twee bekende "Inleidinge" tot die Nuwe Testament: dié van Kümmel en van Guthrie. In die tweede bydrae kom 'n Ou-Testamentiese onderwerp aan die beurt, en word aangetoon hoe die argeologiese ontdekkings van die 20e eeu, soos by Ras Shamra, nuwe gegewens na vore gebring het wat 'n beter vertaling van o.m. die profesieë van Jeremia moontlik gemaak het. Die laaste artikel bied 'n interessante perspektief op 'n immergroen uitdaging vir die prediker: die Christologiese uitleg van die Ou Testament.

*Lesers sou seker die gedaanteverwisseling van die tydskrif sedert die vorige uitgawe gemerk het. Woordverwerkingsgeriewe en 'n nuwe bindproses tans tot ons beskikking, vergemaklik die setproses en lewer ook 'n beter eindproduk. Ons vertrou dat die nuwe formaat in die smaak van ons lesers sal val, en tot groter leesbaarheid van die tydskrif sal bydra.