

“In order to be able to expound the Scriptures, and as an aid to your pulpit studies, you will need to be familiar with the commentators: a glorious army, let me tell you, whose acquaintance will be your delight and profit. Of course, you are not such wiseacres as to think or say that you can expound Scripture without assistance from the works of divines and learned men who have labored before you in the field of exposition....who can pretend to biblical learning who has not made himself familiar with the great writers who spent a life in explaining some one sacred book?”

C.H. Spurgeon, *Commentaries and Commentating*

