

exclusively with authorship.

*C. The Importance of the Authorship of the Pentateuch.*

Who wrote the Pentateuch? You might say: what difference does it make who wrote it? God gave it to us! It is His revelation. If we accept it as true and take what it says as correct and to be believed, what difference does it make who wrote it?

Well, the higher critics do not accept it as true; they believe it represents human ideas at many different periods, combined together into one rather heterogeneous collection. But it is important that we believe in its authorship. If we believe it's true, what difference does it make who wrote First and Second Kings or First and Second Samuel? How many here think Samuel wrote 2 Samuel? Nobody. I'm glad there is nobody because all of it deals with events after his death, during the time of David. It is perfectly obvious that Samuel did not write this account of events after his death.

Samuel is a book about David's reign. We believe 2 Samuel is true but we don't know who wrote it, and it doesn't matter. Who wrote the book of Hebrews? Nobody knows, but God gave it to us. The Holy Spirit led the writer, whoever he was.

All who accept the higher criticism believe that at least portions of the Pentateuch are entirely contrary to fact, and some of them believe that most of it is simply mythology and legend, I would say.

There has recently been a trend back to accepting the main historical facts of the Pentateuch. It is different from the situation forty years ago, because forty years ago, because forty years ago the effects of archeology had not been felt to the extent that it has today. Forty years