

thing that the Jews thought came from Moses came from an unknown writer of a thousand years after the time of Moses? Did He know that and still say "the gift that Moses commanded?" Certainly He implied that Moses had actually commanded that this be done.

Matt. 19:7-8: "they say unto him why did Moses then command to give her a writing of divorcement and to put her away? Jesus said unto them, the reason that that's contained in the book of your law is because of the hardness of your heart"--He could have said that and it would have sidestepped the question of who wrote it, but He did no sidestepping. Jesus said, in verse 8, Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. In other words, he applied it to Moses specifically as having done it. Some people say: "Oh, that's just a term for Law, they say Moses did it, they mean it is written in the Law." Well, we do not use the term for Law that way; we do not say for Law that was written last year, "Blackstone commanded," or "King George commanded." We do not do that, and it is ridiculous to say that that is what the Lord did. He certainly thought that Moses had commanded it when he made that statement.

Look at Mark 12:19-26, which I referred to a few minutes ago. The Sadducees were asking Him a question about the resurrection. In verse 26 we read: "And Jesus said, as touching the dead that they rise, have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him saying." Now He could have said, "Have you not read in the book of Exodus, how in the bush God spoke to Moses saying." Then it would say nothing about who wrote it, and nobody would be excited about it. He would not be saying they were wrong, He just would not be discussing the question. But when Jesus said,