

not know anything particular about it. And if Jesus Christ was a mere man, we do not know anything particular about it. But most of those who have been greatly interested in this question have been people with a Christian background, and Christianity is based upon the belief that Jesus Christ is not a mere man, but the Lord of glory. And so a century ago, when destructive higher criticism began to be taught in Germany and other countries, there were many ardent, earnest, Christian people who did not see how they could answer the arguments, and yet, they said, we believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord of glory, He is the second person of the Trinity, and He spoke of these as the writings of Moses, what shall do? Shall we give up our belief in the deity of Christ? They said, no, we have to find a way out. So they advanced a way out which came to be called the Kenosis theory.

2. The Kenosis theory.

This Kenosis theory is based upon Phil. 2:7. We read in our English Bible: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation." Literally the Greek would read: "...but emptied himself, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man." So the pious German scholars who were earnest believers in the deity of Christ, and in His atonement, but who did not see how they could answer the arguments that were brought against the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, said, "Here is the answer: Jesus Christ the Lord of glory emptied Himself when he came forth. As God in heaven He knew everything and been active in the world when Moses was here, and knew all about what Moses wrote or did not write. Yet, when He came to earth and was