

if necessary. Now then if the N.T. accepts the O.T. as true, if Christ and the apostles considered it important for doctrine and life, then if we are going to be followers of Christ surely it is our duty to find out what the O.T. teaches, not merely some of it, but all of it. To find out what that book teaches and accept it as God's authority for our lives.

## O.T. Intro. #5

b. The interrelation ~~is~~ of the N.T. and the O.T.

This is brought out very interestingly in Hebrews 1:1 where we read that God, who at many times and in various manners spoke in times past unto the fathers and the prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son. God spoke then and God has spoken now. It is all a part of what God spoke. We expect it to be interrelated and we do indeed find that it is. We find that if you had never seen the O.T., much of the N.T. would be incomprehensible. The N.T. presupposes the O.T. My wife is often doing that, she presupposes things. I received a letter from her in the West and she said, Now when you see cousin Wendell and Jane in Chicago don't forget to thank them for the lovely sweater. and I thought what sweater is that. How can I not forget to do it, I don't remember anything about it. I talked to her on the phone just before I started East and I said "What is this sweater?" She said that is a sweater that Johnny received, Jane had knit it herself. But the sweater had been received after I had left home for my trip to the West. No wonder I hadn't remembered anything about it. She had presupposed that I knew about the sweater. That is easy to do in a letter, to presuppose something. My mother wrote once saying that Sam had come over and they had a fine time together. I did not understand which, of several Sams, it might be so I wrote back and asked her which one it was. When she got the letter it was six weeks after she had written to me in Jerusalem and it was quite a problem to figure out which one it was. It is easy in letters to assume knowledge you don't have. But when you find a whole book which constantly makes references to ~~whixk~~ things which it doesn't explain, it refers to Moses, it refers to Abraham, it refers to what was done by David, it refers to what different prophets say and it merely refers to them as something you already know. You cannot write to the writers and ask them to explain it all to you. If you are going to understand what they say you have to know that to which they are referring and they don't explain it because they assume that you are familiar with it. They presuppose the statements of the O.T. They presuppose the doctrines