

The O. T. i n the Life of the Believer  
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Lecture VIII

I think I should say a word now about the assignments for those who are going to receive credit for this one hour of the lectures I am giving. I put up an assignment that was for today only, but I believe that assignment will be perfectly all right if any did not get it in today and would like to get it in later, and for those who did if you'd like to consult commentaries on the subject later, that would be quite satisfactory. Otherwise please look at chapters 13 and 14 in a critical commentary. See what the critics do with chapters 13 and 14. Get an ideal of what they do and something of your reaction. to it.

Now we were speaking about the census and we noticed that at this particular point in the pilgrimage the census was taken, and that there are points not at the very beginning of the Christian life, but after we have gone a certain distance into it, and then repeatedly that we should make an appraisal of our abilities to see just how we are serving the Lord and how we can best continue to serve Him. We noticed that the census was taken for three different purposes. Different censuses for three specific purposes, and we must seek to find how we can meet God's purposes for us. God will work out His purpose, we know that, but He wants us to do our best and this best requires self analysis.

And so No.6 - The Prospective Christian Worker Should Examine Himself Particularly the objectives for Certain Qualities. We noticed/and the purposes. Now we want to look at certain qualities for which the prospective Christian worker should examine himself. And of these the most important we will call small a.

a. True Knowledge of God. Paul said in 2 Cor. 13:5, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith. Prove your own selves." He does not want us to take this for granted. There are those who have done a great deal in the Lord's work but who have not themselves been saved. One can be attracted by the intellectual aspects of it; by the promotional aspects of it; by the desire to do good and to help others. There are many things that can lead a person to enter into various aspects of the Lord's