

And I thought ^{if} it was ~~wight~~ right to applaud one statement of the professor surely it was permissible to applaud another, so I applauded - clap, clap, clap, etc. (Laughter). But being right there where I was I must say I felt rather conspicuous I imagine that my face was rather red, but my applause couldn't have lasted very long because all the other students began to scrape their feet on the floor and that's their sign of disapproval and drowned out my applause.

But while I don't think any of us hold that view regarding the OT, it is very easy for the Christian to take that attitude. The treasures of the NT are simply beyond description. We could spend our whole lives ~~try~~ studying them and not get all that is there. But the NT is only part of it. The OT is a part of the Bible and a very ~~w~~ vital part. Just why is the OT important for the Christian?

a. The NT Considers the OT as Very Important

This is a type of evidence ^{which} that should settle the matter surely. The NT quotes the OT constantly. It uses it to prove many matters. It considers all of it as important. It may refer to almost any section and quote a verse as proof of what the NT is presenting. And then in addition to all that, the NT vocabulary is based upon the OT. Of course there is ~~exceptions~~ the LXX -- the Greek translation of the OT is the bridge between the OT and the NT. And in the LXX we have Heb. words translated and then these words were familiar to the writers of the NT so we have a bridge between there and we have words ^{which} that have a meaning that would not be familiar to the Greek speaking world as a whole because it reflects the whole OT background as the NT uses theological words and other words. And so the NT considers the OT ~~x~~ as very important and this of course ought to settle for the Christian the question of whether it is important ^{to} for the Christian. But now we want to go on further than that in this class. We want to consider what our attitude should be toward the OT. And so I have ~~for~~ Capital B under this

B. How Does the Christian Use the OT? Just how is it important to us?

It was important to the NT writers to quote. It was important to echo; it was important