

Now you can take almost any symbol and <sup>you can</sup> interpret it in at least three or four different ways. The red can be a sign of bravery, or it can be a sign of communism. White can be a sign of purity, or it can be a sign of cowardice. ~~Yellow~~ Yellow can be a sign of gold <sup>a sign</sup> and of value, or again it can be a sign of cowardice. Most any symbol can be interpreted in different ways. So the types of the OT are somewhat like illustrations, most of them. They are given in order to point us to great truths, and if we study them in their context, and particularly if we have the light of the NT upon them we can learn what these truths are, and yet there is the great possibility of their being misunderstood, and also if you are going to have a Tabernacle, you have to have in it many things just to keep it standing, just to <sup>which</sup> give it strength and stability, that may or may not have a meaning. And so it is very easy to carry the matter of types to an extreme. Types are of value but can easily be misused. So I feel that while there is real value in this <sup>particular part of the</sup> aspect of salvation history, and we should be familiar with them and should use them up to a point, there is great danger of being misled or of going too far with it. So this was the fourth purpose of the OT in relation to the Christian. I believe that if this was all that the OT was of value for it might <sup>very</sup> well be that the OT <sup>could</sup> be put in a closet <sup>or</sup> in a library where it could be consulted when we wanted, but that it would not be reasonable to keep it as a part of our Bible which we all carry around with us and use.

If it is merely to point to truths that is fully explained in the NT, if it is merely to tell how these truths were developed which then found their full explanation and realization in the NT, it is of real value, it is of great value, it's vital for the minister to be familiar with it, but is it necessary that the average Christian then should be familiar with it, or it important enough for him to carry around with him? I feel that there is a fifth reason why the OT is of importance, that it is not any more important than this fourth, it probably ~~is~~ is more important than the first three definitely. It's not more important than the fourth, but it is more immediate to us than the fourth. That is the fourth could be entirely replaced by what we find in the NT, but the fifth cannot. And I feel that <sup>the OT is</sup> this is very important