

method of training us. It is an example for us in His method of doing Christian work. Thus we see Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, coming to earth and amid all the difficulties rising above it and giving us a perfect example of How one ~~was~~ should lead people into the truth, to gradually build them up and eventually ~~should~~ give them all the truth that God requires but should not necessarily give everything on ~~h~~ the first appearance.

Thus the Son of Man as used in the Scriptures, about one verse in every 47 in the NT we read it and perhaps hardly notice it, but there are a tremendous number of occurrences of this title, and we find nobody else in the Bible ever called the Son of Man, as in the NT usage. Nobody is ever called by that term. We find nobody else calling people by that term. But we find him calling himself that.

Of course there was another purpose in his use of it. If he had said, I'm going to do certain things, I'm going to be in the tomb for three days, --it aroused a certain feeling, Oh is this going to happen? to Him? But when he says the Son of Man will....it sort of breaks the force of it. I've got authority to forgive sin! That sounds immediately, Who is He? What's He claiming to be? He makes claims as no man ever made, but he leads you up to them."The Son of Man has authority to forgive sins" does not quite strike you with the same force, and is a way of leading into the truth that he wants ~~tax~~ you to have.

So from the life of Christ we find a tremendous truth, but we find examples for our living.

(Now it is my practice being somewhat older than most of your speakers to instead of speaking for an hour and a half at once to take a 10 min. break and then come back and give the other half. So I will be back in 10 min.)

The second part of our discussion of the Son of Man is a separate unit from the first. It deals with a matter which I think is of tremendous importance. I referred to the fact that there are so many articles and books that have been published in recent years that deal with the subject of the Son of Man. It is a matter of great interest to a considerable number of people. A great many books in recent years in scholarly journals. That is the basis at which I wish to call your attention at this hour.

To us who believe the Bible is God's Word, that it is free from error, the higher criticism is absolutely considered as a lot of junk. As you hear someone start to discuss it, it sounds rather vague and fantastic. But practically every university--well I'll say every university in the world that has courses in the OT--I don't know as I should say the world, perhaps not in S. Africa, but in every other area that I know of that has courses in the OT, it teaches the higher criticism as established truth. Just about every seminary that I know of that was in existence at the beginning of this century teaches the HC as established truth. Now about 60 years ago the general attitude of Christians was that if a man had real zeal