

and speakers based a great part of their arguments upon the statement of the Old Testament. Paul told Timothy that he was to be congratulated because from his youth he had known the Holy Scriptures "which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." The Scriptures that Timothy knew were the books of the Old Testament.

Jesus Christ Himself set the seal of His approval upon the Old Testament. He said in Matthew 5:18 that not the slightest part of it could pass away until all had been fulfilled. He rebuked the disciples on the Emmaus road for their failure "to believe all that the prophets have spoken" Luke 24:25. In these and other passages He made His approval of the Old Testament absolutely clear.

If we are followers of Christ, we should take the attitude toward the Old Testament that He did. The Old and New Testaments are the Word of God. In them are contained the spiritual truths that we need to-day. Nothing will please Satan better than if he can get people to turn aside from the Word of God and to put their faith in a mystical experience or an ethical attitude.

Christians follow the Lord Jesus Christ in maintaining that the 39 books of the Old Testament were so inspired by the Spirit of God that in the original writings they were completely inerrant. There were no mistakes in them.

It is important to realize exactly what we mean by this. Do we mean that if we want to write a book of physics or of chemistry we can get all the information we need out of the Old Testament?

Certainly not. The Old Testament was not written to teach us physics or chemistry, but to point the way to Christ and tell us how we can be saved. The information we can learn from it about physics or chemistry would be far too little to write a textbook on either of these subjects. Yet whatever the Old Testament touches upon these subjects, we can be sure that it