

Series on Inspiration--beginning with break in record # 5 and ~~the break~~ and going on through record # 14 with exception of # 8 which is a private letter.

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We say that God is absolutely true and yet can we say we believe in Christ, ^{and yet} ~~What~~ difference does it make if we believe the O.T? We cannot say that because Jesus Christ is not an isolated picture. We read in Hebrews last time that God spoke to the prophets in many ways and many times and now He has spoken through His own Son. We read how Paul said how the O.T. Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation. Jesus himself said to the Apostles, after He was raised from the dead--"O fools and slow of heart to all believe ~~What~~ the Prophets have spoken. Jesus rested and placed his Authority upon the fact that He was a continuation of the revelation of God. He is the Son of God--He is unique. The O.T. points to Him and the O.T. is equally the Revelation of God. How about Solomon himself. Did Jesus have anything to say about ~~him~~? WE read in Matt. 6 when Jesus said in vs. 28 and 29, "And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Even Solomon with his little petty kingdom subject to the king of Tyre, Hiram, was not--did not have the glory of one of these lilies but what was the point of that?

Did Jesus mention a figure that had absolutely no meaning. Was Jesus ignorant of the fact that Solomon simply did not amount to anything or was he referring to a real fact? That Solomon was as described in the O.T. one of the most power and glorious of emperors in ^{the} world's history and was referred to as a real person? Is he referring to a myth here? Just as you think of a myth in your mythology --as Solomon being so great yet he was not arrayed like one of these. It just destroys the whole force of what the Lord said. It is perfectly clear to us that Jesus Christ is referring to Solomon as truly ~~xx~~ a glorious figure and He really had a great comparison to make in showing us that we need not worry , but trust the Lord who can even clothe the lilies of the field.

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And now how about the wisdom of Solomon? [^] The Lord have anything to say about that? Let us turn over to the Gospel of Luke, and there we read a very striking reference to Solomon. In verse 31 of the 11th chapter we read, "The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold; a greater than Solomon is here."