

situation. They'd had a shock, and the shock made them unable to speak, or unable to lift the arm. He was able to remove the cause of the shock and then they could speak, then they could lift the arm. It is a circumstance which occurs many, many times, the effect of the mind on the body, it is affected in many, many ways, but when Freud first began to declare this discovery that he had made, he said that he had a case of a man suffering from hysteria, and the result of the hysteria was, he couldn't lift the arm, and immediately all the other doctors in the medical meeting where he presented it jumped on him and said that's absolutely impossible, why they said the very word hysteria means women, it's derived from the Greek word women. Now he said a thing which describes the condition of woman a man couldn't possibly have. So, you see, on a definition, on a term, they were trying to rule out an objective observation, and you can't do it. You have to make up your term to try to fit the facts, rather than to make the facts fit your term, and if a person studies the Old Testament a great deal, finds nothing in it, he is convinced, which applies to the present age, why he can say, I find nothing that fits the present age. I believe the present age is not mentioned in the Old Testament. Well, that's his opinion. ~~Let~~ Then somebody else investigates and finds what they find. But unless we have a definite statement, clear unmistakable statement, by the Lord, I say we must avoid generalizations, taking generalizations as bases on which to interpret. Look at each passage and see what it means. Now it is easy to understand how that idea came to be, because there was a method of interpretation very common a century ago in which everything in the Old Testament was taken out of context and applied to the present age, and often all kinds of things brought out that had nothing in the world to do with the present age. It was a very very futile method of interpretation and you got rid of a great deal of the important prophetic teaching, and much of the salvation teaching of the Old Testament, and the result of that was that people reacted against that, and noticing that the great emphasis on the Old Testament is upon its own situation, proceed to