

Old Testament Scripture

III. HOW CHRIST RESPECTED THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Christ knew the origin, history, contents, and authority of the Old Testament Scriptures. Had Christ known any error they contained and not revealed it, He would have been an impostor. Of this Bancroft says:

“He spoke of the Old Testament books as ‘the Scriptures’ which ‘cannot be broken.’ He also spoke of the truth ‘yet to be revealed,’ and gave instructions concerning the Holy Spirit by whom that revelation was to be given” (Bancroft, “Elemental Theology,” p. 13).

Jesus always treated the Scriptures with reverence and pronounced them to be a sure preservative against error. To the erring Jews He said, “Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures” (Matt. 22:29).

Could this have been true if the Scriptures had contained error? They would have been led into error and deluded by the Scriptures if the Scriptures contained error. Of the authenticity of the Old Testament Scriptures Jesus testified:

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39).

“Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God” (Matt. 22:29).

“If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35).

Our Lord taught that the “Scriptures must be fulfilled,” and “cannot be broken,” and that men should “search the Scriptures” that they might not err on matters of morals and religion. Since our Lord affirmed that the Scriptures (Old Testament) could not be broken, it therefore is to be concluded there is no weakness of error in their inspiration or contents. In no place did the Lord correct any error of the Old Testament Scriptures or so much as infer that such existed. He held them to be sacred, holy, and true. Hence they still should be respected.

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