

word, and that is not it at all. It uses words to explain the idea, it is constantly referring to the ideas in the O.T. ILL. of seeing an argument for verbal Inspiration from the use of the word "I AM"--this is not even found in the Hebrew, no tense of the verb--often the verb--"to be" is left out and furthermore there is no tense in the Hebrew Verb. God never bases any argument on one word. Jesus was reminding them of a fact and not pointing to a certain word. He was reminding them of the fact that God said to Moses that He was going to fulfill these great blessings because He is the God of Isaac, Abraham and Jacob--now these men had died and gone long ago but they were living and He was now fulfilling that obligation. There are many also that have great trouble with O.T. questions found in the N.T. because it says as Isaiah said, picks a few words right out of context--but this is done to remind the hearers of the passage with which they were familiar in the O.T. # 6--We shouldn't try and twist all we can out of a few words or take something out of context but the N.T.--is constantly building on the O.T. and they are closely related one to the other. The principles of interpretation are the same. If you can properly interpret one you can do well to the other. The N.T. canon is dependent in principle to the O.T. It is far easier to prove the Inspiration of the O.T. than of the N.T. , because once the fact has been established that God spoke and that God gave these books, then it is only natural that if God had a new revelation, if God spoke to us through His Son, He would have put down the revelation in further books similar to the way He did in the OLD. We must remember that the Old and New Testaments are a Unit, and though God may use a man that knows a little bit of truth from the New Testament--God even used Balaam's ass. God can use these who have had no training but it is not the usual thing--God usually uses the ones who are well trained as leaders--we know the original language in which they have been written and who know the right approach for interpreting the Bible. God in a great crisis is ready to use the first thing that comes to hand. Samson took the jawbone of an ass and killed 3000 Philistines, but no where else do we read of the jawbone being used to such effectiveness. It is rare that God does this, but usually He uses those who are fitted and prepared for the work and the most vital, is not to know just a part of the Bible but to know the Bible as a whole --know what the truth is. ILL. of the man who used to detect counterfeit money--we learn the characteristics of the correct money and then it is easy to find the crooked money. We spend our time on that which genuine. That is what God wants His people to do--study the Word and know how to present it to the people.