

4 Why then, did Jesus scold the disciples [?] ~~in this strong manner?~~ back to 5

~~Why did He say, "Fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken"?~~

7 Many a person ^{has} can read through the Old Testament and never ^{without gaining} ~~come across in it any clear reference to the death of Christ~~ ^{would do a} ~~Calvary's Cross or His resurrection from the dead.~~ These matters do not lie upon the surface. They require careful study. Jesus' ^{stung} rebuke ~~the~~ to the disciples ^{did mean} ~~was not~~ that they ^{failed to have the correct} ~~had the wrong~~ attitude toward the ^{Old} Testament, that attitude ~~of His~~ which we have already ^{seen to be} ~~noticed~~ is so clearly ^{evident in} ~~deducible~~ from His words. ~~It did not mean that at all.~~ What he rebuked them for was something quite different. It was their failure to study the Old Testament carefully, to learn the meaning of all that the prophets have spoken, to see those vital teachings which lie beneath the surface.

This shows ~~us~~ that it is not enough, if one is to be approved of Christ, simply to say, "I believe it all," ^{and declare that one} ~~to accept~~ the entire O.T. as a revelation from God. This is ~~not~~ necessary, but something more is also vital. ~~We must approach this not simply accepting every verse or every phrase but giving it a careful scientific study.~~ One must approach the Old Testament exactly as he would approach the ^{facts of} geology, botany or ~~of~~ astronomy. He must gather his facts, compare them, analyze them, form hypotheses ² on the basis ~~of~~ ^{carefully reach} of the facts, ~~make~~ his conclusions. As he examines section after section of the Old Testament and fits together this teaching and that, and this emphasis and that, he ~~finds~~ becomes more and more convinced that the Old Testament looks forward to the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross and to His resurrection in glory. These matters are there, ready ^{to be found by} ~~for~~ anyone who will approach ~~it~~ ^{to 3a at B} with a ~~truly~~ scientific attitude, ~~to discover a short distance~~ ^{it}