

you find in the Scripture you try to twist into that Idea. Now it is a grand thing to study the Bible to try to get all the light you can on God's teaching for it and that is important but I think it is also important to study it from this viewpoint. What are the facts and teachings that are ~~so~~ so clear here that any honest person must accept. What are the matters here which it is utterly unscientific not to notice? On which if a person goes at it with a clear impartial purpose he has to come to a certain conclusion on certain main features. Now just as an example of that I would like to take you for a brief moment to Isaiah 11. And in Isaiah 11 there we have that wonderful passage there in verses 6 to 9 after he has spoken about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and what the Lord Jesus Christ is going to do, then he describes the nature of some thing that Christ is going to establish. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb the leopard shall lie down with the kid verse 7, the cow and the bear shall feed ; their young ones shall lie down together , the lion shall eat straw like the ox and the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp and the weaned child shall put this hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Now is this passage to be taken literally or to be taken figuratively. Personally, I think it is to be taken literally. I think that that can easily be proven by comparison with other passages of scriptures. But that is not the point I am trying to bring out now. What I want to stress right now is this . the Passage should be taken either literally or figuratively and which ever way you take it the primary question is what is the main thought of the passage. What is it talking about? Now you will find a great many commentaries and a great many Christian teachers who will say, this passage is showing how God takes the wolf and changes him into a lamb. It shows the wonderful nature of the Gospel in changing wicked men into good men. It is a figurative expression of the progress of the Gospel in changing people. Now I do not think it is necessary at