

leader who had a great influence in this regard. We have an agreement of the people of God throughout the Christian world.

Question: (indistinct)

Answer: No. Theoretically it would be entirely possible that God could have given us an inspired, inerrant OT, and not given us a NT at all., and could just have had certain memoirs of the people who saw Christ and told us what they saw. In that case there might be errors in those books.

But even if the NT were not inspired as a historical document, the attitude of Christ toward the OT is very clear. That does not rest on any one verse, or any particular statement or any particular section being free from error, but it rests upon the clear meaning of the whole presentation.

Question: (indistinct)

Answer: Stop there for a second. You have to say that our knowledge of anything depends upon some historical evidence. There is no question about that. Our knowledge of anything. But historical evidence varies tremendously. Was there ever such a man as Geo. Washington? It would be mighty difficult to question it, because we have so many many statements by people who knew him, etc. But you can read a very interesting account of the Revolutionary War that describes some great Colonel so vividly you are sure he existed, and yet you may find that his name occurs once in some record somewhere, and we're not sure. I mean the amount of historical evidence varies tremendously on different points.

Take the Civil War. At the battle of Chiamagama, General Thomas stood like a rock and prevented the Northern armies from complete annihilation. That is unquestioned. Every history of the Civil War states that fact. But exactly what happened in that battle -- whether Rosecranc made a foolish mistake, whether it was his chief of staff that did it, whether it was someone else that did it, which of the southern generals it was that detected the mistake, where they pushed Cummings through and tried to completely destroy the Northern Army -- there are 100 questions there on which there is disagreement because our historical evidence on these particular points is not sufficiently solid.

But of the main facts, that at that battle the northern armies were so completely routed that it might have meant a complete end of the war if it were not for General Thomas' brave skill and perseverance of that there is no doubt whatever!

Now of the fact that Jesus lived, there are some people who say -- who try to make out He is just a myth, but no historian of any sense admits such a thing. Our evidence is far too great that Jesus Christ lived. The evidence of the main events of His life is absolutely unquestionable. That is unless you get so you don't know anything whatever about anything! The evidence is such that any historian today if he would take up these NT books there might be certain things about which he would