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MOSES OR MOSAIC
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The subject on which I am scheduled to speak tonight is, Is the Bible Mosaic or a Mosaic? is a rather catchy way of expressing the differences of opinion on this matter. I do not make any claim to originality in this title. It was, I think 40 years ago that Dr. Eppard expressed theory by this comparison between Mosaic and being a Mosaic. It impressed me so much I this time and therefore use it for a title tonight.

Does the Bible represent Moses' teaching, does it represent what Moses believed, or is the Bible a Mosaic? - a lot of little pieces tied together as the higher criticism takes it to be? Dr. McIntire asked me last night, Why do you say is the Bible a Mosaic or Mosaic? Why don't you say Is the Pentateuch? Well, I'm going to deal with the Pentateuch mostly tonight, but what I'm going to say has relevance to the entire Bible. I said, Don't you realize Moses wrote the book of Colosians? Well he didn't! But the fact is the Book of Colosians represents the same truths that God revealed to Moses. Jesus said, Moses wrote about Him. He said Abraham saw my day and was glad. Like the Pentateuch the whole Bible is something that God revealed to His people. I'm not interested whether Moses wrote a particular sentence or a particular word, or even a particular book. I'm interested in what the Lord Jesus believed, and He said that this book from cover to cover is true, it is God's Word, the writers were inspired and kept from error and God's spoke to Moses as truly as to any man in all history. So I think it is true to say the whole Bible is truly Mosaic.

But I particularly like this statement because the theory of the critics about the Pentateuch the critics carry to every section in the Bible. They take the whole Bible as really a Mosaic. (Trouble with speaking --- water ---)

I was reading the autobiography of a person who used to be on radio a good bit, and she said that every time she began a radio program she always had to cough, her throat immediately went bad. But that now she is on TV and she thinks not of her voice but of her appearance and now she never has any voice trouble. I've not yet graduated to that state!

But the critics take the whole Bible as a lot of little bits and crumbs taken together and there is no authority in any of them. Now I think we Bible-believers sometimes have too much tendency to think that the authority comes from the human author. Who wrote the book of Joshua? I don't know, but I know that God inspired it. I know God is its author and it is true and dependable. Who wrote Judges? We don't know. Who wrote Ruth? Nobody knows. Who wrote Samuel? Nobody knows who did write it. I know one person who did not write it -- that was Samuel. I know Samuel did not write it for the last half of it describes events after his death. I know Samuel did not write 2 Sam. because all of it happened many years after the time of Samuel!