

it, but they have not done so, and the fact that it has been reprinted within the last 10 years is evidence of the position it still holds. We can get it much more reasonably than any of these other newer books, and it is just as good or better for ~~our~~ our purposes; so I hope you will all familiarize yourselves with it.

Now, last time we discussed Roman ~~numeral~~ numeral I - which was "The Scope of the ~~Course~~ Course." And under that we looked at two things. And I want to say ^{just} just a word/~~more~~ ^{more} about each of them this morning.

The first of those which we spoke of was the Pent.^o itself. And we looked at each of the five books and said a word ~~about~~ about their contents. And I found from a question I was asked afterward that it would be advisable in connection with that to say just a word about what the OT^o is and what it ~~should be~~ should be to each of us.

In the first place the OT^o is a book of facts. It is a book which presents to us certain facts about the universe - that God wants us to have. And so we can take any statement in the OT^o as definite fact unless there is in the context that which makes it evident that it is intended as an illustration, or as an imaginary story or something of that kind; like when ~~Christ~~ Christ said, "A sower went forth to sow." (NT^o illus,) Was he thinking of a particular sower - and in this particular case some of the grains fell on good ground, some among thorns, and some on rocky soil, and so on. ^(sow??) Or was He giving an imaginary situation? It doesn't particularly matter. We are not interested in knowing whether there was one sower who had exactly the experience that Christ described. We are interested in the lessons that He was giving them by means of that imaginative illustration. But we can expect imaginative illustrations to be either labeled as such, or very clearly recognizable as such from their context.

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So that, in the first place, the Bible is a presentation of facts to us.

But the fact is not necessarily always the most important thing about it.

When I was in my early teens I used to go to a YMCA ~~to~~ ^{and} to swim. And there was a sort of premium ~~there~~. If you went and took a swim there you were expected