

or God would not have so worked things that we would have the OT as a vital part of our Bible. I believe that Number 5

5. The OT is a source in itself, apart from NT explanation, apart from specific lessons relation to the NT, I believe that the OT is a source of spiritual ~~reference~~ <sup>of</sup> vital significance for all of us. I think that this is something that is too easy for us to overlook. It is necessary that most of us should be <sup>primarily</sup> interested in taking what we know of what the Christian world knows and passing it on, spreading it. There is tremendous need of <sup>that</sup> this. But there also is a need of research, of study, a need of working our problems <sup>regarding</sup> of many matters in which the understanding of the Bible was ~~perhaps~~ entirely sufficient perhaps for our ancestors in the situations in which they lived, but in which new problems have arisen and we need to have fuller answers. We need to have definite answers to new questions that people did not think of before. And where are we going to get these answers?

I was impressed when I was in seminary with the fact that our basic <sup>(2)</sup> theological and <sup>(1)</sup> philosophical questions when we hunt for an answer to them, we find in the NT / <sup>very definite</sup> answers to a great many of them, but there are many to which we do not. And to many of <sup>these</sup> the answers are incomplete and when you get into the NT evidence, you find that on the great bulk of the problems it moves back into the OT. And many of the NT questions, perhaps not the central questions of redemption, but questions of great importance for our live and work, and understand <sup>ing</sup> of the world, move back into the OT where there is much more on them than there is in the New.

Now in 1 Pet. 1, vs. 10-12, we read in connection with the <sup>very</sup> most basic things of our Christian faith the statement of the Apostle Peter, where he said: "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. Searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed that not unto themselves but unto us they ~~id~~ did minister the things that are now reported unto you