

Dear Mr. Roland:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I was glad to hear of your interest in ~~the~~ Old Testament ~~studies~~. It is a large and involved field. The most important thing is that we be solidly grounded in the fact that God has spoken and that His Word is entirely true and free from error. Once we allow ourselves to ~~ik~~ take a questioning attitude as to the dependability of <sup>God's</sup> His Word we are in a ~~danger~~ dangerous position so far as Christian education is concerned.

Second to this--not as important, but yet extremely important, is the willingness to recognize our own ~~in~~fallibility as interpreters of God's message. To my mind it is tremendously important to realize that God has not revealed everything in the world to us. The Bible is given in order to show us ~~the~~ way of salvation and to It is God's purpose to tell us about our sin and our need of a Saviour and to show the wonderful provision that He has made. He has presented the basic truths of salvation so clearly that a wayfaring man, though a fool need not err therein. When we get into side issues and questions that are of interest only ~~to~~ from the viewpoint of satisfying our curiosity there is a tremendous range of ~~six~~ possible interpretation.

In my opinion this is <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ reason that God had permitted a certain ~~amount~~ amount of error to come in in the ~~transmission~~ transmission of His Word. The amount is actually very slight. The Bible has been transmitted to us with far greater accuracy than any other book from ancient times. Yet there are a small number of errors of which we have definite manuscript evidence, and a certain number of others of which we do not have clear manuscript evidence. A few of this latter case there is evidence in parallels and study of Scriptural problems sufficient to make their existence absolutely certain, while in taking

The ~~origing~~ original Scripture as given by the Lord in the original languages <sup>written</sup> and in the original autographs was doubtless entirely free from error. Our