

Prophets 16.

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right and one of them was wrong but we do not have the words from either one to determine and we are not in a position to have to say, "This is Peter's", but when Peter denied his Lord he certainly was speaking of his human frailty. He said, "I don't know Him. I've never heard of the man", and yet the Bible quotes that from Peter and tells us Peter said it and it is a correct statement of what Peter said but what Peter said was wrong. It's a matter on which the main principles are fairly clear but the exact application of them is somewhat complex and I think it's rather vital that we get it in mind as clearly as we can and I wouldn't recommend going to a church and giving a discourse on this problem, a very involved discourse the first time you go; they might not ask you back. I'm not even sure that after you'd been there a year or two I'd recommend very often giving one complete whole discourse on a subject as involved as this but I would recommend occasionally touching upon it in good clear fashion and perhaps sometimes giving rather full

discussions because I think that the church is benefited by having clear ideas on these vital matters. Now that was this important note, then, and it is a very important note, and that brings us to No. 3. No. 2 was, though the mode varies, there is always this definite consciousness. No. 3 is, as a result of the mode of reception, as well as of the finiteness of the human mind, the prophet did not always understand the full import of his revelation. That is rather vital. As the result of the mode of reception as well as of the finiteness of the human mind the prophet did not always understand the full import of his revelation. That is very clearly brought out in I Peter 1:11 and Daniel 12:8-10, and also in Verse 4. I Peter 1:11 brings out very clearly where he tells us about the prophets revealed these things but they searched into them and tried to figure out more fully what they meant. He tells us in I Peter 1:11. The prophets gave direct revelation from God but they wondered what was the full import of them in certain points, and - I Peter 1:11- and Daniel 12:8-10, and also 12:4. Now in Daniel 12:8-10 there is a verse which has been very generally misunderstood. It was quite a shock to me when I first saw the true meaning of the verse but the true meaning of it is a very helpful meaning at this point. "And I heard but I understood not."