

## Prophets 17

but there was no use asking the girl. She didn't know anything about it. She was the prophet. She was one who was the mouthpiece of the one who sent the message and she was passing on his word. She was not giving me her ideas or her understanding and her opinion as to whether he would arrive today or tomorrow would have been absolutely worthless. However, I was enabled to get from her information which helped me to decide the matter. I said, "Is this a night letter or is it a regular telegram?" and she said, "It is a straight telegram." Now if it was a straight telegram it didn't leave St. Louis yesterday, it left St. Louis today, and if it left St. Louis today and said "Arrive Philadelphia 9:20 a. m.", it didn't mean 9:20 a. m. today because there'd be no train leaving today that would get here at 9:20 and therefore I was able to get information beyond what the words of the telegram said by getting a statement from the innocent carrier of the telegram who passed it on, who had no idea of the import and real meaning of the statement which she made, to me. I didn't care whether it was a night letter and he got it at half rate or a telegram and he got it at full rate, but I could draw an inference from it, and a justifiable and correct inference. That is perhaps a rather rough, crude sort of illustration but I think it perhaps illustrates the point I had in mind that we may gather from the Scripture definite teachings and important truths which were unknown to the men who wrote them, but, of course, that does not warrant us in going to the extreme as many people do of getting all sorts of teachings out of it which the writer never wrote and which I am sure the Lord never intended either that we should find in it. There are places where this word or that word was used was tremendously important, and many other places where it doesn't make the slightest difference which of the two words was used.

Well now I think we are ready, unless there are some questions, to pass on to Section G. I've thought I've seen hands start up several times in our discussion and I didn't want to break my paragraph so if anyone now has a comment to make or a question, please let us know. (Student) I would say definitely