

JESUS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE OLD TESTAMENT

Text: John 5:39

INTRO: Modernistic scholars & theologians cast much doubt on the validity of the O.T. Scriptures re their inspiration, accuracy & authority. We believe much more of value can be learned by listening to what the Lord has said regarding those Scriptures.

I. JESUS ENDORSED THE O.T. IN ITS ENTIRETY. He refers to the O.T. by such terms as:

- A. The Scriptures, John 5:39
- B. The Law, John 10:34 (Psa. 82:6)
- C. The Law & the Prophets, MT 5:17
- D. The Law, the Prophets & the Psalms, LK 24:44
- E. Moses & the Prophets, LK 16:29
- F. Repeatedly He quotes from all the different sections of the O.T. with the statement: "It is written."

II. IN HIS RECORDED SPEECHES & CONVERSATIONS, HE QUOTES, CITES OR REFERS TO AT LEAST 18 OF THE O.T. BOOKS.

- A. MT 19:18-19 quotes EX 20:12-16; Lev. 19:18
- B. MT 24:15 cites Dan. 9:27; 11:31.
- C. MT 12:42 refers to 1 Kings 10:1-13.
- D. Other examples far too numerous to mention.

III. CHRIST'S USE OF THE O.T. SHOWS ITS INSPIRATION OF THE PRECISE WORDS.

For assuredly I say to you, till heaven & earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. (MT 5:18).

MT 22:31-32 (EX 3:6) I AM not "was" God of Ab...

IV. JESUS SHOWS THE COMPLETE HARMONY OF THE PURPOSE OF THE O.T. WITH HIS OWN PURPOSE.

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V. JESUS TELLS US THAT THE O.T. IS WHAT IT CLAIMS TO BE, THE WRITINGS OF MOSES, DANIEL, ISAIAH, ETC.

John 1:17; MT 24:15; MT 15:7-9; Matt. 22:43

VI. JESUS SHOWS THE CERTAINTY OF GODS PROMISES, WARNINGS, ETC., IN THE O.T. WRITINGS.

And the Scriptures cannot be broken. (John 10:35)

NOTE: Thayer says the word translated "broken" means "to deprive of authority."

VII. JESUS CLAIMED THE SAME AUTHORITY FOR HIS OWN WORDS AS FOR THE O.T. SCRIPTURES.

MT 24:35; John 12:48

NOTE: All the N.T. came from Jesus, Gal. 1:11-12.

See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven. (Heb. 12:2).

CONCLUSION: The O.T. was inspired of God word for word. It was completely authoritative to those to whom it was given, & will be the standard by which they will be judged in the last day, Rom. 2:12.

The words of Jesus, the N.T., likewise came by Divine inspiration. They are authoritative & will judge US in the last day, John 12:48

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