

heaven and earth, or from those among men on earth, who are daily entering there, or directly from the Lord Himself. But it matters little how it is done. The fact to be remembered is that it does take place. Abraham knew that Moses and the Prophets existed. He knew also that they were a sufficient rule of faith for men.

Some additional thoughts suggest themselves. First. Think it no strange thing that the Holy Scripture should be subjected to such adverse criticism as it is now subjected to. Such assaults have been made ever since the fall of man. They will continue to be made while the Scriptures remain our rule upon earth. It must eventually be benefitted thereby.

2nd. If Abraham thought as he did of the sufficiency and supremacy of the Old Testament Scriptures, how much more reason is there to think highly of the Bible as a whole. With the New Testament added to the Old our Spiritual armoury is complete. We need no church traditions to supplement their inexhaustible fulness. No ghostly administrators to usurp the place of the ministers of the Word.

3rd. We have a witness here to a historical reality of the persons whose names appear in Old Testament records. If not, there are many other passages in which Moses, and David, and Solomon, and Elijah, are regarded as real persons, and as having performed the parts assigned to them in the word of God. What a dire calamity it would be if it were otherwise. On the historic reality of Old Testament personages and events, we rest our hopes of eternal happiness and peace. On their historic reality depends the truth of the revelations made in New Testament records. I have unpleasant suspicions treasured up against those who would minimize the truth of the Old Testament history. They who deny the reality and truth of the Old Testament history are likely to pass on and deny the truth of the New. They who reject Moses are in imminent danger of rejecting Christ, and if they reject Christ they are without hope. "Neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."