

This phase of Old Testament teaching should enter into every grade; but its development toward a definite event and an all-glorious Person, wherever passages of the New Testament refer to the Messianic messages of the Old is the opportunity of the Adult class. Especially should the New Testament quotations be laid side by side with their Old Testament originals. Then it will be evident how fitly Philip, "beginning at this Scripture" (Isa. 53), could preach Jesus to the Ethiopian, and how it was Paul's custom to reason from the Scriptures about the sufferings and resurrection of the Christ.

There are many ways in which the adult class may learn from the Old Testament; such as the study book by book, the messages of the prophets in detail, or the following of great doctrines through its pages.

#### SUMMARY AND SUGGESTIONS

(1) The ways in which the Old Testament as great literature can be presented to the adult classes.

(2) When life begins to take on more serious nature, and to bring its daily problems, the Old Testament is a friend in need. Its men and women also met these problems.

(3) The doctrines and philosophy are both interesting and dependable. How are its teachings about God and sin related?

(4) The prophets especially, and also the Law, have a social message for the needs of communities and individuals of our day.

(5) The heart of the Old Testament is the Messiah. Follow the development from the early life of man to the personal prophecies of later books. Show how the national hope took on the forms, and spoke through the figures, of each age.