

and a thousand things familiar to everyone who reads the history, Moses foretold. He was constantly foretelling to the children of Israel things that should happen in their own time, by which his veracity could be tested. Did he speak the truth in the name of the Lord or not? And Moses laid down the rule for the prophets that were to come after. In Moses you will find the definition of a prophet, in the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy. "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren like unto me. Unto Him ye shall hearken" "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put My words in His mouth." That is what the prophet is. "I will put My words in his mouth." And how is he to be tested? "And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken." There you have a simple test. If the thing spoken by the prophet *shall not come and shall not be*, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken. Then the prophets must, by the very definition that is given of them in Deuteronomy, *say what was to come*, and they must *say what was true*. You get a sort of double test the test of true prediction and absolute veracity.

You may see at once that there are no prophets in that sense among us now. For there is not one of us who speak in the name of the Lord who is not now and then caught in a mistake. When you find me a man that makes no mistakes in what he says in the name of the Lord, then I will acknowledge that you have found a prophet. He will satisfy the definition given of John the Baptist, when our Lord said that there was no prophet greater than he. "John did no miracle but" (they said in the place where he preached longest) "all things that John spoke of this man" (the Lord Jesus) "were true." There is a prophet for you. *All things that he spoke of the Lord were true.*

Absolute veracity, then, and the coming to pass of the things which the prophet foretold, were the tests.

Well, now, pass on somewhat more rapidly. We cannot dwell on all the cases, but let us divide the prophets, for convenience, into