

been more scornfully rejected or cruelly treated than He was. What are the facts? He sternly opposed all traditions and customs that made the Word of God of none effect. He condemned in scathing words all hypocrisy and casuistry, and He was slain for doing so. It is true that some of the critics seek to evade the most disastrous issues of their speculations by taking what they call the Christocentric standpoint. As though to regard Christ as the centre and object of revelation covered a multitude of defects and errors in the form of that revelation! But we know Christ only by means of the Bible. Therefore, either the Bible must be reliable or we have no Christ. The influence of Christianity has all along been, and still is, exerted by Bible teaching, and, therefore, any Christocentric theory that is independent of an accurate and trustworthy Bible is a delusion and a fiction. And if the doctrines of Christ as given in the Bible are taken as the foundation of the Christocentric theory, then the testimony concerning the Old Testament must be regarded as part of that foundation.

One need scarcely dwell on the testimony of the Apostles. Peter in his epistles quotes from every book of the Pentateuch, and affirms that no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but that holy men spake from God, being inbreathed by the Holy Ghost. Paul told Agrippa that he taught nothing but what the prophets and Moses did say should come. He persuaded the people concerning Jesus both from the