

Testament. The Old Testament is *the* Book. Now, let us take a word; take fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace and long-suffering. Let us take 'love.' In Romans, 5th chap., 5th verse, we have 'And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.' There is hope; I get a hope; a hope that I may be brought to Christ. I am one of the many sinners to be brought to glory by and bye. That hope I have 'because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.' How has this love to flow? I turn to first John, 3 chap. 14 verse, and I find: 'We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.' I have received that love, and there is a love going out. Wherever there is a brother, no matter whether black or white, he is my brother. My love goes out to him. I cannot help it; it comes from above, and must go out. I turn to that passage with respect to love for one's enemies. Matthew, 5 chap. 44 verse: Not only must I love my brethren, those animated with the same spirit; but I must love my enemies. That is a good test of personal Christianity. There, you see, I am establishing the relationship of this love. I am ascertaining whether I can stand the test. Then there is love on the negative side. 'Love not the world,'—and so on. I think this is a very good way to find out that every word of the Scriptures has something to say in reference to God. Take a text of Scripture and pull it to pieces. By doing so I get wonderful power into my own soul. Take Hebrews, 13 chap. 20 verse: 'Now, the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will.' Paul is here giving what lawyers call a summing up. He had been writing to the Hebrews who were on the verge of apostacy. He has been endeavouring to rouse them from their fearful condition. Now he says that if they have the Spirit of God in their hearts they will give evidences of it. Then he says, 'Now, the God of Peace.' Why the God of Peace? Because He is the author of Peace. He made Peace by the blood of Christ. 'Now, the God of Peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus.' Why, 'from the dead?' Our Lord Jesus. He is our Lord? Because He arose from the dead with power and great might. Our Lord Jesus. Jesus is the original name. Then He is called 'the great Shepherd of the Sheep.' Why the great! Any other name applied to Him? Yes, there was a time when He was called the good Shepherd. 'The good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep.' Why is the term 'great' used here? Because now He has power; power which God has given to Him. There are the sheep—those for whom He has laid down His life. May every one be brought into His fold. Then it says, 'through the blood.' He could not give the renewed life without the blood. I find there is this passage in Hebrews:—'Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.' Neither can I get in without the blood. It is through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant. I see always a Covenant. When was it made? 'Before the mountains were brought forth; or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world.' I go back into the eternal purposes of God. I see there must have been a Covenant between the Father and the Son. 'When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin he shall see his seed; he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hands; He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied.' There I see the Everlasting Covenant. There I rest my soul, feeling that I have a sure foundation on which to rest my faith. That is the way in which I believe we should pull texts of Scriptures to pieces, and thereby we can obtain much comfort for our own souls. We might take up the plan of the ages. At Ephesians 3 chap. 11 verse, we see the purposes of God. I can there see what these purposes are. My soul is refreshed every Sabbath I take up this wonderful Book. Then there are difficulties con-