

whether there is greater evidence for the reliability and infallibility of Christ, or of the critics, for I can see no ground for our Lord's ignorance of the real character of the Old Testament, save that He was fallible. When I am required to choose between confidence in Christ and in the critics, it is not I believe, a begging of the question, even out of regard for all that is of worth for my soul and all souls, for me to maintain my confidence in Him. For are there not proofs as supreme as the teachings which He gave, and as strong as the tides of moral and uplifting power which have flowed forth through His words, that He was the Divine and Omniscient Teacher—that He was the Truth, and knew the truth, and spoke the truth; while the conclusions of the Higher Criticism have been supported by methods as arbitrary as many of its assumptions have been proved irreconcilable with facts. While there may be some modification of the traditional view of the Old Testament, we may be sure that it will be a modification which will be consistent with its credibility and authority as recognized by our Lord. When the battle has been fought out over the Old Testament, as it has been over the New, we may be sure that the foundations of our faith in the Old will be confirmed and established, as has been our serene confidence in the New.