

of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin," etc., and what a progress there is from the one statement to the other, yet it is the same Saviour that is revealed in both instances. Christ dwells in every part of the Old Testament, but He is there in germ; the acorn must unfold into the oak. And the bible is the record of this revelation—a revelation not completed, but in progress as its successive parts are being recorded. And it is a misleading view of the bible which regards the first books as standing on the same level as the last, and in this way to ignore the law of growth by which the obscure intimations and hints in the one become the full authenticated truths of the other.

"Every chapter in the bible is built on all that has gone before it, and he that neglects to understand what has gone before will never come to the understanding of what follows after. Why do I say this? Because men are continually picking out those scraps of the bible which suit their own fancy and joining their own faith on them and trying to make them serve to explain everything in heaven and earth, whereas no one can understand the Epistles unless he first understands the Gospels. No one will understand the New Testament unless he first understands the pith and marrow of the Old. No man will understand the Psalms and the prophets unless he first understands the first ten chapters of Genesis."—*Kingsley*.

As a telescope is drawn out length after length from what was cased within, or as a rose unfolds from a bud, so are the after truths and doctrines of the scripture unfolded from, and drawn out of what has preceded. It is not a miniature painting but a panorama of the ages; a record of God's eternal counsel, and therefore not to be searched out or seen at a glance, but a unity that grows on us the more we ponder the inspired volume. The most ingenious sceptic can discover no line of cleavage or conflict between prophet and lawgiver, apostle and evangelist. We trace but one doctrine from the beginning onward to the transcendent close. As Augustine observed, "The New Testament is enfolded in the Old, and the Old Testament is unfolded in the New. For what is the law but the Gospel foreshadowed? And what is the Gospel but the law fulfilled?" So that we cannot understand the later scriptures without using the earlier from which they