

On the contrary, the truthfulness and authority of the Old Testament are fundamental to Christian faith and life. Most remarkable are our Lord's relations to it. Not only was He a profound student of it, fully conversant with its contents and deeply versed in its teachings; not only did He honor its authority and assert its inviolability, rebuking traditions to it, correcting misinterpretations, discriminating what was temporary, and assuring men of its stability and perpetuity; not only did He teach and train His disciples from it, not merely instructing them, as another teacher might have done, but giving them spiritual illumination and opening their mind to understand it; but beyond even these evidences of His intimate connection with the sacred volume there are two outstanding constituents in His relations to the Book of the Old Covenant. He declared Himself to be the Supreme Subject of the Old Testament. He said and expounded "in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." "They were all," He says, "written concerning Me." (Luke xxiv: 44). "They are they," He affirms, "which testify of me." (John v: 39). He declares Himself to be the Object of all the promises and predictions of the Old Testament, the fulfilment and consummation of its revelations. Then again He was not only the Subject, but the Author of the Old Testament. God has given no revelation of Himself except through the Eternal Son. He reveals His power and wisdom in His works; and that revelation was given through the Son, for "all things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that hath been made." (John i: 3).