

way some of its principles, but because the whole scope of the prophecy was spiritually verified in him. Hence the culmination of its principles in him was a matter, not of chance or accident, but of design.

In the life and character of Christ we have the spiritual accomplishment of all that is divine in Judaism and the doctrinal fulfilment of all that is prophetic in the Old Testament. As the fulfiller of Scripture, he recognized his own work in that of the Hebrew prophets and his own mission in that of the Israelitish nation. The work of the former was primarily instruction, and what they did imperfectly, he did perfectly; the mission of the latter was principally revelation and redemption, and what it has accomplished partially, he will through the Gospel accomplish completely. Most Christian scholars have erred in not seeking the historic meaning of this prophecy, but they have not erred in finding in Jesus of Nazareth the perfect realization of its spiritual conceptions.

With its historic meaning understood, one may consistently say that the conception of the Servant culminates in an individual, but the culmination is a spiritual, not a literal, one, and is in the New Testament, not in the Old. Jesus realized the spiritual content of the idea as no one else has. He was not only the lineal descendant of the national Servant, but also the spiritual embodiment and the perfect representative of it. Having embodied in himself