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THERE is but one key whereby we are able to unlock the hidden treasures contained in the Old Testament, and this one key—which is Christ—aided by the spiritual discernment which the Holy Spirit only can give of sacred things, will enable us to unfold and dig up many hidden truths, lying far beneath the surface of apparently simple narrative, but which will be found to be highly typical of our Savicur, the Redeemer of the world, His Person and work.

If we read God's Word with our own unaided intellect, we shall only remain in the darkness of ignorance, and not comprehending it, may be led to doubt the whole. Let us therefore first take God at His word—"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" (*Luke xi. 13*)—and thus asking in sincerity of heart, then open its pages in full assurance of receiving that comfort and knowledge from the Word of God that may be enjoyed by all true believers in Christ, and a blessing to those who are honest and earnest seekers after truth. "But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any MAN teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and