

An Attempt To Listen To God

Christ in The Scriptures
Introduction

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Introduction To The Studies

When our Lord was walking with the two on the road to Emmaus He spoke to them. "Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Lk. 24:27). There are four aspects that must be considered in any book of the Bible:

- a) Its unveiling of God
- b) Christ
- c) The Holy Spirit
- d) And salvation

This being so, it is to be expected that there will be truths concerning our Lord in every book.

Speaking very reverently, during His earthly sojourn our Lord was saturated with the Old Testament, and He saturated it.

- a) He was saturated with the Old Testament:
 - i) The following is a list of some of the Old Testament characters He spoke about:
 1. Jonas (Matt. 12:39)
 2. Lot's wife (Lk. 17:32)
 3. Lot (Lk. 17:28)
 4. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Matt. 8:11)
 5. Solomon (Matt. 12:42)
 6. Abel, Zacharias, Barachias (Matt. 23:35)
 7. David (Matt. 12:3)
 8. Daniel (Matt. 24:15)
 9. Eliseus (Elijah) (Lk. 4:27)
 10. Moses (Matt. 8:4)

ii) Some of the books He quoted from are: Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Malachi, Hosea, Psalms, Micah.

iii) Some of the Old Testament incidents He spoke about were:

1. Creation (Mk. 10:6)
2. The overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah (Lk. 10:12)
3. Moses and the burning bush (Mk. 12:26)
4. The law for the cleansing of the lepers (Mk. 1:44)
5. David eating the shewbread (Matt. 12:2-4)
6. Naaman (Lk. 4:27)
7. The slaying of Zacharias (Matt. 23:35).

h) He saturated the Old Testament

- i) If one were to take from the Old Testament every foreshowing of Christ, every prophecy concerning Christ, every ceremony prefiguring Christ, there would be exceedingly little left.
- ii) If we had no other book but Isaiah, there would be virtually a complete picture of Christ, His offices, and work. He begins informing his readers that:
 1. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (ch. 9:2)
 2. The way that was to be done was because there was a child born a Son given. (ch. 9:6)
 3. His name would be Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of peace. (ch. 9:6)
 4. He is Immanuel. (ch. 7:14)
 5. He shall be the shoot out of the stock of David. (ch. 11:1)
 6. He will tell of His meekness. (ch. 42:2)
 7. The coming One will preach good tidings. (ch. 61:1)
 8. He would be despised and rejected. (ch. 53:3)
 9. His visage would be marred more than any man. (ch. 52:14)
 10. He would be led as a Lamb to the slaughter. (ch. 53:7)
 11. He would be cut off out of the land of the living. (ch. 53:8; Dan. 9:26)

12. He would be scourged and spit upon. (ch. 50:6; Psa. 129:3)
13. His would be a life of sorrow and reproach. (ch. 53:3; Psa. 69:20)

iii) To these there comes in as a flood the ancient writers:

1. The psalmist will write of His zeal. (Psa. 69:9)
2. His hands and feet would be pierced. (Psa. 22:16)
3. He would be mocked by those who passed by. (Psa. 22:6-8)
4. Soldiers would cast lots for His garments. (Psa. 22:18)
5. He would be given vinegar to drink. (Psa. 69:21)
6. He would cry: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" (Psa. 22:1)
7. No bone of Him would be broken. (Ex. 12:46; Psa. 34:20)
8. He would be betrayed by one of His own. (Psa. 41:9)
9. Sold for thirty pieces of silver. (Zech. 11:12)
10. Isaiah speaks of His gathering the lambs in His arms. (Isa. 40:11)
11. Micah informs where Christ would be born. (Mic. 5:2)
12. Jeremiah tells of the death of the innocents. (Jer. 31:15)
13. Hosea tells of the flight out of Egypt. (Hos. 11:1)
14. Zechariah cries: "Rejoice . . . behold, thy King cometh". (Zech. 9:9)
15. He would be raised from the dead. (Psa. 16:10; Isa. 53:10-11)
16. His sheep would be scattered. (Zech. 13:7)
17. He would be taken from one judgment to another. (Isa. 53:8)
18. False witnesses would testify against Him. (Psa. 27:12)
19. He will come with the armies of Heaven. (Jude 1:14)
20. His feet shall one day stand on the earth. (Job 19:25-26)
21. He will be King over all the earth. (Zech. 14:4-9)

As another has said concerning the dearth of a true worshipping remembrance: "It is not that the object is too small, but that our appreciation of Him is too small".

These observations and meditations are not complete, either in numbers or depths of teaching. They are meant to be springboards for deeper appreciation. May the Lord in these studies enlarge our vision of the Man at God's right hand.

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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