

of the O.T., they presuppose the teachings of the O.T. , they assume that you are already familiar with ~~xxx~~ it. If you are going to properly understand the N.T. you must also know the O.T. The N.T. is filled with echoes of the O.T., the terminology of the N.T. is largely taken over from the O.T. and terminology in anything - words are just combinations of sounds to try to impress an idea- and they mean nothing to us unless we find out what these ideas are. I remember while attending a Synod meeting, the one reading the report of a certain minister who had been suspended for Contineny, had said the word Contineny very softly and I thought that must be something one didn't talk about. I thought his idea of the meaning of that word must be very different from mine because I saw no reason for saying it so softly. So I asked him afterwards and he said the reason he had spoken it so low was that he wasn't quite sure how to pronounce it. His understanding of the meaning of the word was the same as mine, that it meant rebellion. You see how I was thrown off. The best way to find out what a word means is to find out how it is used. The N.T. words have been used already in the O.T. In the N.T. you have the word justification and it rests on the Hebrew, Justify. This would normally translate that,make just, but you look it up in the O.T. to find out how it is used. God says "How shall I justify myself?" God doesn't make himself just, - it means how shall I make apparent my justice? How shall I declare my justice? So justify in the N.T. doesn't mean that you are made righteous, it means that you are given a righteous position, that you are made to appear righteous and we are made to appear righteous because of the righteousness of Christ which is imputed to us and then after we are justified, the long process of sanctification begins of making us righteous. Now you can learn that meaning by checking through the uses of the word justify in the N.T. and finding it fits the context. We must do that with our N.T. words. But the first people who received the book of the N.T. They had no such means of learning the exact meaning of these words but they had their O.T. and they were accustomed to it . They were familiar with these theological words and ideas. N.T. terminology then is taken largely from the O.T. The O.T. shows up what the people who received those books understood them as meaning. They were based on the ideas of the O.T. and right there, I think should be a helpful word of caution might be given. There are many people who have a very unfortunate misunderstanding of the N.T. They think the N.T. is a book which has three or four words and this is like a mathematical formula and it proves things simply by one particular