

accepted it as God's Word. Yet we find Jesus rebuking them rather severely. His rebuke is not based ~~upon a denial which~~ ^{over a denial which} they might make of the Old Testament, but upon the fact that they had failed to gather its teachings.

Reading this a man might be puzzled. He would pick up the Old Testament and he would not find anywhere in it a direct and a plain statement that the Messiah when He comes must be raised on a cross and die there for the sins of the world and that on the third day He must rise from the dead. Yet Jesus said that these disciples were fools and slow of heart not to have recognized this fact. It is clear that His rebuke ~~was~~ to them was based not so much on any ~~over~~ denial of the denial of the Old Testament as upon a failure properly to understand it. This ~~failure~~ was based not upon the fact that they had not read it, doubtless they had read it many times. It was based upon the fact that they had not studied it carefully and been ready to learn from everything that they could find there. He insisted that if they had used the books of the prophets as they should they would have understood ~~it~~ in them the great facts concerning His life and death.

~~These facts are not simply are not clearly obviously stated. They lie a bit beneath the surface, Nevertheless we must consider that the claim of Christ means that these facts are so clearly presented eventhough a bit under the surface that if a man will study this with the same acumen with which a chemist studies the natural elements he is bound to reach the correct conclusion.~~

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The Old Testament then, according to the view of Christ, is not simply a ~~group~~ ^{collection} of beautiful words, which ~~we receive merit from~~ ^{there is} ~~gaining~~ ^{we}. It is said that the great English preacher, who was so active in the ~~founding~~ ^{Awakening in} of the ~~great revival~~ ^{great revival} of the 18th century, had only to

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