

### About Building on One Passage of Scripture

A person told of witnessing to a ~~Mormon~~ Mormon, and in answer being directed to the versey in I Peter about Christ <sup>preaching</sup> preading to the souls in prison, and ~~being~~ being told that this was a proof that there is a second chance after death. The person did not know how to answer, ~~and~~ and so has raised the question.

Let us notice first that this is a very obscure passage. There have been a number of different suggestions made as to exactly what it means. Anyway there is nothing in the <sup>passage</sup> ~~passage~~ ~~about~~ about saying that these souls in prison were given another chance. That is reading into the passage. However, much more important than that is to recognize that any vital truth will be taught more than once in the Scripture . God does not want us to rest our belief upon ~~an~~ any one passage but compare ~~SA~~ Scripture with Scripture. It is my personal belief that this is why He has permitted ~~textual~~ textual errors to come in. The number of errors in the Scripture is extremely few. No other book from ancient times has been so well preserved as the Bible. <sup>Yet</sup> ~~that~~/there is definite evidence that there are passages in which errors have come in. That is to say not merely evidence of different readings in different manuscripts, not merely evidence of a version having a translation that is different from what we have, but actual statements in the text such as the ~~xxx~~ statement about Saul's age when he became king, and the statement about Samuel's second son which are very clearly extremely early errors in copying. The copyists saw something that did not make sense, or that ~~contradicted~~ contradicted something elsewhere in/ the Scripture, but they copied it exactly as it was, rather than to try to correct it. ~~This-is~~ It is excellent that they ~~did~~ did so ~~because~~ because it shows that we ~~can~~ can depend upon the fact that they did their very best to copy accurately; yet there ~~are~~ are errors that have crept in without any clear evidence of them.

I believe that God purposely caused this to happen in order that we