

And so as we ~~look~~ look at the OT particularly where much of this is presented as through a glass, darkly because the great truth of what Jesus did on earth had not yet been fully revealed, but only presented in type and illustration, etc. about the OT, it is particularly important that we seek for the principles that are there rather than to try to squeeze out of particular words and sentences taken out of context the meaning that is there for us.

Now I've called these four uses, and I think number six, that's only five, and I'~~is~~ call number six of this outline Conclusion to number One. Conclusion: the most important use of the OT for the Christian is that a living ~~source~~ ^{of principles} for use in his life. In relation to the unbeliever, certainly the OT is a great source of illustration, and a great source of material to point the unbeliever to Christ. But with a Christian who already knows Christ, it is of great value to see the results of the teaching of redemption in the OT. But the most important use ~~is~~ for us is as a living source of principles for use in our lives.

II The Special Importance of the Book of Numbers for the Christian. I mentioned last time that the Book of Numbers is perhaps neglected a good bit more than it ought to be by Christians in general, and that one reason for this may be the very unfortunate name given to it. People who are not mathematical experts may think that this book is not for them, and even those who are mathematical experts may find other books on numbers of more interest to them than that particular people. But this is the only one of the Pentateuch that does not have a good name, and unfortunately it is the only one that the name has been translated into English, and all the others they keep the Greek name that was given by Greek interpreters like - - - - and they are good Scriptural names but the man who is not Biblically ~~may~~ may not recognize what this really means, as in this case what the unfortunate and erroneous name that the Greeks gave to the book. In the other cases the Hebrew names are not particularly helpful in telling what the book is.