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and these have ^{had} to be stressed of necessity so much in the NT that while there is great immediate ~~much of/significance~~ for the carrying on of our Christian life in the NT it is ^{would} quite natural to expect that there is also a great deal in the OT that would be of value to us in this regard. We noticed then that the OT is a great ~~valuable~~ source of spiritual lessons for the Christian, and we noticed that these lessons are not always immediately apparent.

I. in the assignment for next time, there is a reference to a verse in 1 Cor. ---1 Cor. 9, and in this vs. ^{these 2 vs.} - that the assignment refers to, there is a statement that might not seem to be immediately apparent. Paul says, in vs. 9, "For it is written in the law of Moses thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Does God care for oxen or says He it altogether for our sakes?" Does that mean that this in the OT has nothing to do with oxen? ^{I Think} That would be foolish; it certainly does. That is its immediate significance. But Paul says it has a spiritual significance, which as far as we are concerned is far more important than its relation to oxen. We will not speak more about that vs. now because it is in the assignment for next week for those of you who are taking it for credit. But the spiritual lessons for the Christian are not always immediately apparent. We gave one or two illustrations ^{of} this last week, and then we went on to point out last week that it is not merely words but principles. And I feel that that is a tremendously important principle in relation to the whole Bible. It is wonderful to pick out a few verses -- a few words and quote these words and have in them exactly the great wonderful teachings we want to have. But ordinarily any sentence any place has to be interpreted in the light of context. It would be very easy to select vs. from the Bible, or passages, and quote them giving ideas that would be utterly false using the very methods that are used a great deal by Christian interpreters. Now I do not feel like making a great attack on those who do this because most of those who do it are actually presenting ^{important} ~~important~~ Christian truth. They get a truth in one part of the Bible -- something clearly