

particular words are the only possible way of expressing, which are here contained.

It is not maintained that these words are a full presentation in every detail of every idea which is there presented. That would be utterly impossible. To take any important idea and expound it in full detail would occupy many volumes. The Word of God does not attempt to tell us all about anything. It certainly does not attempt to give us every detail about the history of ancient Israel or every detail of the character of God or of His relationship to His people. It presents matters which it is important for us to know, and it presents them in such a way that there are no erroneous ideas included along with them. This does not mean, of course, that the Scripture gives us a full and complete account of the origin of the world or of the nature of the constituent elements of which the material universe is composed. This would take an entire encyclopedia to do, and it would require the manufacture of many words for ideas which were not known to the writers of the time and many which are not known to us. But when it touches upon such matters, it is so written that erroneous ideas are not brought in with them. If I were to say that I had come down yesterday from Philadelphia on the train, I might simply make that statement. It would not say whether I came on the Pennsylvania or the Baltimore and Ohio. My statement would be a true statement, but it would not be a complete statement. If I desired to make a complete statement, I would have to tell which train I came on, at what time I left Philadelphia, ^{whether} ~~if~~ I came straight through or stopped off en route, what size the train I rode in, whether I came coach or Pullman, whether I changed my seat on the course of the trip, what I did on the way, whether the car was crowded, and a host of other matters. None of these matters might be important, or any one of them might have a tremendous importance. My statement, "I came down by train," would tell certainly things definitely and would leave