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It is my observation that miracles usually have a definite purpose. They are not given just for show, but in order to accomplish something. Here the purpose was the destruction of the enemy in this one particular battle. God sent down great hailstones which destroyed more people than the children of Israel slew with the sword. If this was an eclipse, it might have seemed as if the day were coming to an end and Joshua prayed the Lord not to allow it to end thus prematurely, but to let it go on until they could completely win the battle.

The great truths of Scripture are so clear that a person need have no doubt as to what is meant, but many lesser points are obscure. To my mind this is one of them. I definitely accept whatever the Bible teaches, but when I do not know what a passage means I simply must reserve judgment. That, it seems to me, is what I must do with this particular passage.

We shall look forward to seeing you at the Summer Seminar and discussing these things more fully at that time.

Cordially yours in Christ,