

124. All the Prophets Testified of Christ.

To Him give all the prophets witness that through His name, whosoever believeth in Him, shall receive remission of sins. *Acts 10,43.*

If anyone doubts whether our Christian faith is built on a rock which cannot be moved, let him search the writings of all the prophets, let him compare what is said of Him who was promised with the writings of the New Testament, and he cannot but see that all has been fulfilled in Christ. All writings of the holy men of God, from the First Book of Moses to the last book of the prophets, testify of Christ. Whatever was said of the Messiah by the prophets of old has come true in the crucified and risen Savior.

Into His hands we can cheerfully entrust our souls without fear and without scruple. Believing in Him, we have the one true faith and are God's own people, true spiritual children of the patriarchs of old. And because all the promises based on this Savior are divinely true, none of them can fail. "As God is true," says Paul to the Corinthians, "our word towards you was not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, was not yea and nay, but in Him was yea. For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God."

As the promise given to Abraham that out of his seed He should come in whom all the families of the earth would be blessed came true, even so must all the promises of God in Jesus Christ come true; not one of them will fall to the ground. To David the promise was made that of his house the Savior should come. Now, his children were led into captivity, and the prospects of the promise's ever coming true seemed slender indeed. Yet that little remnant of the Jews which held faithfully to the Lord's promise was not deceived. No man who with earnest intent will search the Scriptures of the Old Testament and compare them with the New will deny that the promise has been fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth.

Prayer.

Awake, my soul, and rejoice in the Lord, thy Savior; magnify the Highest, who has so faithfully fulfilled His promise and sent His Son into the world. Exult and be glad; for God Himself, out of love to thee, became man and thy next kinsman. Who can sufficiently praise His mercy and loving-kindness? O Lord, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou considerest him? O dearest Jesus, I heartily thank Thee that Thou didst unite Thyself with our human nature and in this assumed humanity didst reconcile us with Thy heavenly Father! Amen.

What the fathers' ancient throng
Hoped and held with yearnings strong
And foretold long ere its date,
Stands fulfilled sublimely great.

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