

April 25. Promises and Prophecies

J.R. Miller:

"I tell you the truth, until Heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished." Matthew 5:18

Christ referred here primarily to the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament. There are thousands of blossoms on the trees in the spring-time that never become fruits; but there are no lost blossoms on the Old Testament tree. The exact fulfillment of prophecy is an irrefutable evidence of Christianity.

But the assurance of these words refers also to every promise of the Scripture. Not the smallest of these shall ever fail anyone who trusts them. "No word He has spoken" shall ever be broken!" Every pledge God has made "He will surely keep. Whenever we find a divine promise" we may lay hold of it with perfect confidence, and know that we are clinging to a rock that never can be shaken. "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed" says the LORD, who has compassion on you." Isaiah 54:10

This is true also of the divine threatenings against sin. Not one of these shall fail to be accomplished upon those who reject God's words of grace and mercy. Christ said, "He who believes on the Son has everlasting life;" and that word will prove true to everyone who receives it. But He said also in the same sentence, "He who believes not the Son shall not see life" but the wrath of God abides on him;" and this word shall just as surely be fulfilled as the other.

In these days, when so many people hold loose views of God's Word, it is well that we fix it deeply in our minds, that whatever God says in the Holy Scriptures "He says with authority, that His promises and threatenings are sure as His own eternity, and that every sentence of His is absolutely irrevocable. "Only words," we sometimes say, as if words were unreal and unsubstantial; but the words of God are more real and substantial than even earth's great mountains!