

**"THE LAST WORDS OF GOD
IN THE OLD TESTAMENT"**

Introduction

1. God's Last Words in the OT
2. Three familiar points:
 - i. good
 - ii. evil
 - iii. judgement
3. So also God's Last NT words

1. GOD'S HATRED OF ALL PRIDE AND WICKEDNESS: v.1

- 1) A Day of Judgement lay ahead: now as then
OBSERVE: This is the vital truth to live by
- 2) It is not a kindness to conceal it:
 - (i) "burn as an oven": hell-fire
 - (ii) "all...all": none spared
 - (iii) "stubble": sinners will be devoured
 - (iv) "neither root nor branch"
APPLICATION: How essential to cultivate meekness
ILLUSTRATION: See Moses, Paul – CHRIST

2. THE COMING OF CHRIST AND ITS TWOFOLD EFFECT: v.2

- 1) God turns from the wicked to the righteous: "You that fear my name"
DEFINITION: A true Christian reveres God
- 2) Here is a description of Christ: "sun"
 - (i) the only solution to our dark world
ILLUSTRATION: ponies in Antarctic with Scott
 - (ii) "healing": Pharisaism / Sadduceism ...
 - (iii) fresh growth: a Springtime, i.e. Pentecost + all revivals

- 3) "Growth": strong, spiritual believers
APPLICATION: As we wait on Christ we "grow up"

3. OUR DUTY TO LIVE BY GOD'S HOLY WORD: v.4

- 1) "Remember the law of Moses":
 - (i) every inspired word: Creation, etc.
 - (ii) The Decalogue: to live by Rule
 - (iii) The Central place of public worship
 - (iv) The love we owe to God + man
- 2) All the errors of the Church are because men do not "remember" God's Word:
 - (i) how we are justified
 - (ii) the place of the sacraments
 - (iii) the sovereignty of God
APPLICATION: "Remember" God's Word constantly

4. THE GOOD DAYS STILL AHEAD: v.5-6

- 1) This is a prophecy of John the Baptist
- 2) Great blessings were to come:
 - (i) thousands turned to God
 - (ii) Christ's glorious ministry
- 3) So, there will be good days still:
 - (i) there are yet promises of blessing: e.g. Isa. 11:9; Acts 3:19
 - (ii) "All nations shall be blessed in him"
APPLICATION: Who knows how soon this may be?

CONCLUSION

1. Attend to present duties
2. Look forward to better days
3. Remember the Second Coming of Christ

PSALM

68: 32 – 35

104: 31 – 35

102: 13 – 18