

forthcoming resurrection. (3) All four Gospels attest His resurrection, which evidences His deity. (4) The resurrection fact cannot be discounted by a priori definitions. (5) If Christ is God, He speaks the truth concerning the Old Testament, the New Testament, His death, and the nature of man and history. (6) So all biblical assertions bearing on philosophy of history are to be regarded as revealed truth and all human interpretation must harmonize with them."

Thus the existence of the God of the Bible and the truthfulness of Scripture stand or fall together.

#### 6. THE BIBLE IS A TRUSTWORTHY RECORD OF GOD'S SELF-REVELATIONS.

How do I know this?

I know it because it claims to be such a record and because it evidences itself to be such a record.

Simon Greenleaf, in his Testimony of the Evangelists, says:

"In trials of fact, by oral testimony, the proper inquiry is not whether it is possible that the testimony may be false, but whether there is sufficient probability that it is true . . . . It should be observed that the subject of inquiry is a matter of fact, and not of abstract mathematical truth . . . . In the ordinary affairs of life, we do not require nor expect demonstrative evidence, because it is inconsistent with the nature of matters of fact . . . . In all human transactions, the highest degree of assurance to which we can arrive, short of the evidence of our own senses, is that of probability. . . . It is all which the greatest sceptic has a right to require; for it is by such evidence alone that our rights are determined in the civil tribunals; and on no other evidence do they proceed, even in capital cases. . . . The evidence which we have of the great facts of the Bible history belongs to this class; that is, it is moral evidence; sufficient to satisfy any rational mind, by carrying it to the highest degree of moral certainty. If such evidence will justify the taking away of human life or liberty, in the one case, surely it ought to be deemed sufficient to determine our faith in the other."