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**An Introductory Note:**

Three subjects are allocated to me for discussion in this conference. In addition to the Canon I will also discuss Hermeneutics and Bible translation. I am not sure of the order of these subjects so the observant listener will simply have to see what is being presented and align it with the appropriate notes. These are monster subjects reduced for general comprehension with the resultant fact that nothing is carried to a complete discourse! At the close of these notes I will offer some reading suggestions for those who wish to follow items to greater resolution. I will also be glad to discuss individual features at any allowable time during the conference. The notes are skeletal, of course, but at the worst one should be able to see where we are and where we are going.

**I. THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE**

**A. Getting Started:**

1. The term: used generally and particularly
2. Essential Presuppositions:
  - a. The Bible is the Word of God
  - b. It is verbally inspired: inerrant, infallible
  - c. It is self-authenticating
  - d. It is perspicuous with this mild caveat: Not all is equally clear to all....but....
  - e. The great teacher of the Bible is the Holy Spirit and the best students are those who yield to the Spirit.
  - f. We come to study it, not to impose our preconceived ideas about relative matters, but to learn from it.

**B. The Old Testament Canon: 39 books showing the development of the Program of God in the centuries before the Lord Jesus came. (1).**

1. The arrangement: The Law, The Prophets, the Writings
  - a. Historicity
  - b. Relative importance
  - c. Authorship observations:
    - (1) Designations:
      - The Lord spoke to Moses
      - The Lord hasa said (or spoken, etc)