"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me."(v. 44)

"O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." (v. 25)

This continued emphasis on the Lord's part for the full character and dependable relation of truth in the law may also be seen in Luke 10:25 ff as well as many other places. His witness is to a body of truth that was mandatory on the life and heart of the people of His time.

(2) **The Apostolic Witness** might be gleaned from either the attitude or the activity of the apostles. Paul's normal course of approach in testimony was that given in Acts 17:2..."And Paul, as was his manner, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scripture." The use of the Scripture was reckoned as authoritative and binding in these circles and the Apostle used it that way to establish the Gospel and the new way of life.

Similar is the use of Acts 3:21 and the citation "...Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began..."

The great decisions of the Jerusalem council (Acts 15) were based on the Old Testament as a codified body of truth, a guide for the acceptance of the present age and the establishment of the church. Agreement with the words of the prophets certified the reality of the new work in the apostolic mind.

(3) **Witness in the Epistles** shows that the Old Testament canon was well understood in the minds of the writers of the New Testament epistles as being that definitive body of faith and direction, is easily seen in these passages: 2 Timothy 3:15, 2:15; 1 Timothy 1:5-11; 2 Peter 1:21 and so forth. The dignity and stature assigned to the works of the Old Testament indicate the New Testament writers saw it as a body of truth and the essential foundation on which the new work was based