

SEEING THE SAVIOR IN THE OLD TESTAMENT (PART 1)

1 Corinthians 10:1-11 (December 1, 2024)

4 ...followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

1. THE OLD TESTAMENT IS WRITTEN FOR OUR BENEFIT (THE HIDDEN TREASURE)

"In the Old Testament, the New Testament is concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament is revealed." - Augustine of Hippo

Matthew 5:17-18 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Psalms 40:7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God.'

Psalms 138:2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (NKJV)

2b "...Your promises are backed by all the honor of your name." (NLT)

Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Hosea 12:10 I have spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

2. GOD USED SIMILITUDES BY THE MINISTRY OF THE PROPHETS TO SPEAK TO US.

Similitude: A figure of speech that describes something by likening it to another.

Similes:

Metaphors:

Hypocatastasis:

Parables:

Allegories:

Types:

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Life lesson example from the story of Manna in the wilderness

Exodus 16:12 "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'

Exodus 16:29-30 They must realize that the Sabbath is the LORD's gift to you. That is why he gives you a two-day supply on the sixth day, so there will be enough for two days. On the Sabbath day you must each stay in your place. Do not go out to pick up food on the seventh day." So the people did not gather any food on the seventh day.

John 6:32-33 Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, Moses didn't give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Augustine of Hippo said, "In the Old Testament, the New Testament is concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament is revealed." What did he mean by saying that?
2. What are the reasons that the Old Testament is very important to New Testament Christians?
3. What are the similitudes that God used to speak to us through the prophets in the Bible and what is the main purpose of them? Can you describe their differences?
4. Manna was given to the people of Israel in the wilderness. They had to collect it every morning for 5 days except the 6th day (2x). Why did they have to gather it just for the very day and why did they need it twice more on the 6th day? And what are the lessons from that story?
5. What is the significance of Christians' weekly worship gathering? What can we expect to receive from God when we get to gather to worship Him in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
