

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

The sermon Sunday morning about rightly dividing the word of God, based on II Timothy 2:15, brought about some ideas about things we learn from the Old Testament. Sometimes the Lord's church is accused of not believing in the Old Testament. Such is not true. There are some great lessons to be gleaned from the Old Testament that certainly apply to us today.

We learn the most about God in the Old Testament. With God speaking personally to the patriarchs and prophets, we learn more about His person, His thoughts, and His interactions with humans. (Hebrews 1:1).

We learn the history of mankind. Lessons such as who we are and where we came from. We even learn things like who were the first musicians and the first metal workers.

We learn from God's dealing with mankind. We learn He must be respected and obeyed in all things.

We learn lessons from life principles that do not change: like honesty, integrity, respect for life and honor.

We have access to the wisdom of the men of God from ages past. Their wisdom and life lessons are still applicable to us today.

We realize the providence and guidance of Jehovah God throughout the Ages. When we see the over-all picture, the time-line, the tapestry of human history—we stand in awe of the providence of God woven throughout.

TO SEEK TRULY WE MUST SEEK PENITENTLY

“. . . if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

WHEN SOLOMON HAD BUILT THE TEMPLE TO GOD IN JERUSALEM, MANY FERVENT PRAYERS WERE OFFERED AT ITS DEDICATION. Solomon implored God to be merciful to His people. If in the future Israel acted unfaithfully toward God, Solomon prayed that God would hear their prayers for forgiveness. God then appeared by night to Solomon and said that, yes, He would indeed hear the prayers of the people, but He made clear the manner in which those prayers would have to be made: “. . . if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” When the wayward seek God, they must do so with genuinely penitent hearts. There must be a respectful commitment to do differently.

It is a great wonder that we are able to come before God at all and request His forgiveness. That we are allowed to “seek His face” can only be attributed to His compassion and mercy. Under these conditions, it is unthinkable that we would approach Him with anything less than a humble, contrite spirit. If we have any inkling of

how serious our sins really are, we will make every effort to show respect to the King against whom we have so foolishly rebelled. Given our inexcusable actions, any sort of pride or arrogance on our part would be profoundly insulting to God.

But in our humility, there is something we must be careful about: we must make sure that our penitence is not simply self-pity. The humility that befits the seeker of God is focused on God, not on self. To be sure, our contemplation of God's goodness will remind us of our own lack of goodness. But if we are thinking rightly, the result of this reminder will not be a wallowing in remorse for what we have lost. It will be a penitence — at once reverent and grateful — that lifts up its head lovingly to the God whose love has been offended. Godly sorrow is a cleansing, purifying sadness that takes full responsibility for its error and longs for the opportunity once again to show its love for God.

“Penitence does not grow by our looking gloomily on our own badness, but by looking up to God's loveliness, God's love for us” (William Congreve).

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THE LIFTER OF MY HEAD

King David had his share of heartaches, not the least of which was the time that Absalom, his son, stole the throne of Israel from him. As David fled Jerusalem to save his life from the murderous plans of his son, we read, “And David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went, and his head was covered and he walked barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went.” 2 Samuel 15:30

It was probably during this somber period that David wrote the third psalm, in which we read these words, “But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head.” Psalm 3:3

Even though David's enemies were “rising up” (3:1), he knew that God would “arise” to save him (3:7). Though his enemies claimed that there was “no deliverance” for the king (3:2), David knew that “salvation belongs to the Lord” (3:8). And even though tens of thousands of enemies may have been “round about” him (3:6), God was “a shield about” him (3:3).

Because David knew all of these things to be true, he was able to find confidence in the midst of conflict, peace in the midst of persecution, and tranquility in the midst of trouble. Though for a time he walked with downward head (2 Sam. 15:30), in time God lifted his head out of despair.

We will have our times of difficulty, no doubt (John 16:33). But if we can focus long and hard on the power and presence of God (Eph. 3:20), he can lift up our heads and provide us with the strength we need to carry on.

Eddie Parrish, Basic Bible Studies.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM Sept 10, 2017

Coordinator Billy Halliburton
Announcements George Clay
Scripture Reading..Acts 17:30-31 Austin Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Opening Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks
Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith
Dallas Eddie, Justin Draper
Closing PrayerBen Silcox
Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie
Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper
[Greeters, please be here by 8:40 to greet before services]
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon —Repentance
PM Sermon —Does Not Wisdom Cry?

WORSHIP—SUNDAY--6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Scripture Reading..Pro. 8:8-10 . Austin Clay
Opening Prayer Jacky Carver Sr.
Lord’s Supper Robert Hackett
. Addison Halliburton
Closing Prayer Steve Anderson

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY--7:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Jacky Carver, Sr.
First Prayer. Mitchell Brooks
Opening Prayer Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer Justin Draper
Prepare Communion for **SEPT**

Lesa & Patsy T

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your assignment listed above, **please notify the coordinator** so that he can find a replacement.

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

09/03/17

Wednesday.	46
Worship Sunday AM	105
Bible Study Sunday AM	85
Daily Bible Readers	36
Worship Sunday PM	58

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 16th. Run4Don, Gainesboro, TN
Sept. 24th. Fellowship Meal
Sept. 27th. Prepare Nursing Home Bag
Oct. 1st. Nursing Home and Bag Delivery

READING SCHEDULE FOR SEPT

01 Lam. 1-3	11 Ezek. 30-32	22 Hos. 5-7
02 Lam. 4-5;	12 Ezek. 33-35	23 Hos. 8-12
Ezek. 1-3	13 Ezek. 36-38	24 Hos. 13-14
03 Ezek. 4-6	14 Ezek. 39-41	25 Joel 1-3;
04 Ezek. 7-9	15 Ezek. 42-44	26 Amos 1-4
05 Ezek. 10-12	16 Ezek. 45-48	27 Amos 5-7
06 Ezek. 13-15	17 Dan. 1-3	28 Amos 8-9
07 Ezek. 16-18	18 Dan. 4-6	Obed. 1
08 Ezek. 19-21	19 Dan. 7-9	29 Jonah 1-4
09 Ezek. 22-26	20 Dan. 10-12	30 Micah 1-4
10 Ezek. 27-29	21 Hos. 1-4	