

## Should We Follow the Old Testament Today?

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There are 39 books in the Old Testament. As we read these books we encounter history, poetry and prophecy. These writings cover human history from the time when God created all things until the time when God dissolved His covenant with the Hebrew people. That covenant was a means to the fulfillment of God's promise that the seed of Abraham would bring an end to the curse of sin (Genesis 22:18). Jesus is that seed (Galatians 3:16) and now He is our king and mediator of the new covenant in His blood (Hebrews 9:15). There is much to be gained from reading and understanding the writings of the Old Testament, but it is important that, as we read them, we hear God's words in Matthew 17:5:

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.*

When Jesus was transfigured and the Old Testament saints, Moses and Elijah, appeared to talk with Him, we see the connection between Jesus and the Old Testament. God's words, however, make it clear that a new arrangement was being made; a new day was dawning.

There would be no New Testament if there had been no Old Testament. Paul tells us that we should learn from the historical writings (1 Corinthians 10:11). These writings are *instruction* for us, but they are not *commandments*. Our obedience is to Jesus, and his commandments have been brought into the world through His apostles. Jesus made it very clear that if we receive the apostles' teaching we receive Jesus, and if we receive Jesus we receive God (Matthew 10:40).

In the Old Testament we see God's plan to redeem mankind from sin. In the New Testament we see Jesus, the fulfillment of that plan.

In the Old Testament we see how God relates to the world through His holy people, the Jews, and what He expects of His holy people. In the New Testament we see that God's holy people are Christians and we see what He expects of them.

Jews claimed to be related by blood to Abraham.

Christians claim to be washed by the blood of Jesus.



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### WELCOME!

#### Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm

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**ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
GREET YOU.  
ROMANS 16:16**

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#### **Today's Sermon:** *Glorious Harmony*

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**Scripture:** Romans 15:1-7

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: March 19<sup>th</sup>. NEXT WEEK! Theme: **Irish****
- **Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the building. We will be discussing chapter 6 of Struggle, Seek, Grow, about Rahab, which was postponed from last week.**
- **Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Thursday nights at 7pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!**
- **Men's Revival, Inner Man: the Uprising, Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Arthur has lined up speakers from Newark, NY and Endwell, NY.**



- Jeff and Theresa Wyeth from Ohio have made the move to Tunkhannock so Jeff can begin being the evangelist for the Endless Mountains church. Praise God for his providence!
- Kelly, Jackson and Harper have returned from their visit to FL. Welcome home!
- The church address has changed to include a post box number because of insecure storage of mail in the box outside our door. The mailing address is now: Valley Cities church of Christ, P O Box 82, Sayre, PA 18840.
- **IRISH themed POTLUCK- next week!** Let's have fun with this!
- **Horseheads Ladies Day will be this Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Diana Owens from Wetzel Road church of Christ in Liverpool, NY will be the speaker.**

## PRAYERS...

- Pray that we can all stay healthy and that there is a **spirit of unity** among us here at Valley Cities church.
- Maxine Sheil and Ted Chacona have been ill with chest colds and coughs.
- Continued prayers for Ruthie that she can control her tachycardia with medication.
- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Pray that Darlene has no discomfort or reason for worry during her radiation treatments, which will begin in a few weeks.
- Pray that Darlene's sister, Dara, can find a job in or near Sayre, so she and their mother, Jackie, can move here and be close to Darlene. Dara is presently without a full time job.
- Keep praying for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock and for Jeff and Theresa Wyeth.
- Pray for comfort for those from war-torn or famine-stricken countries who have no homes and are starving, without clean water or safety.
- Emily Barry had a needle biopsy of her thyroid a couple of weeks ago, and has been advised to meet with her surgeon to explore her options. Please pray for her.
- Remember to pray for Deborah Albro (stage 4 breast cancer) in Florida, Matthew Lowe (needs care) in Ohio. Also Lori Kashorek (lung cancer) in Plattsburgh, NY and Rocky Perry (seeking the Truth) of Sayre.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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