

Light and Life

“Where is Their God?”

Some are just willfully blind to the truth. They look around creation and ask for proof of a Creator (Ps. 19). They see the existence of tragedy as evidence against a benevolent Deity (Ps. 73). Their glass-half-empty perspective on life causes them to be ignorant of the many blessings God showers on us all (Ac. 14:17; Jas. 1:17).

The same people who ridicule the followers of an eternal God devote themselves to temporary material things. “All that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” (I Jn. 2:16-17).

Read Leviticus 18 and observe how the new pagans are just like the old pagans. Different media – same wicked desire! “Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell; they have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat” (Ps. 115:5-7). Today’s idols may not be statues, but they are just as useless! And “those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them” (Ps. 115:8).

When the Gentiles ask, “Where is their God?” (Ps. 115:2) with this understanding, they don’t even get the concept! Their god is here, but “our God is in heaven” (Ps. 115:3). Their god is useless, but ours “does whatever He pleases” (Ps. 115:3). They must take care of their gods, but our God takes care of us (Ps. 115:9-18)!

Don’t be distracted by the gods of this age! Rather, give glory to the one true God for His mercy and truth (Ps. 115:1)!

- Sam Bunyard

cont. > by his brothers (Acts 7:9), Moses by Israel (7:27-28, 39-41), and the prophets by Israel (7:52) foreshadowed the rejection of Jesus (7:51-53). Philip pointed to Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s suffering servant (Isaiah 53, Acts 8:32-35). Even to the Gentile, Cornelius, Peter showed that all the prophets pointed to Jesus (Acts 10:43). In Paul’s journeys, he usually went first to the Jewish synagogue. In the synagogues, Paul taught from the Old Testament showing that Jesus was the expected Messiah. Paul explained who Jesus is in light of Psalm 2:7 and Psalm 16:10 (Acts 13:33-37). In Acts 17:2-3 Paul reasoned from the Scriptures that Jesus was the promised Savior. In Acts 28:23 Paul was “testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.” In Paul’s trial which led him to Rome, he stated that He taught Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Acts 24:14; 26:22-23). Since Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and prophets, Paul asked Agrippa if he wanted to be a Christian by asking, “do you believe the Prophets”? (Acts 26:27).

The Epistles and Revelation show that the Old Testament points to Jesus. Galatians 3:24 states that the “law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ so that we might be justified by faith.” The context of Galatians 3 points to the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham in Christ and His followers (3:16, 26-29). In discussing Israel’s adventures in the wilderness, Paul wrote that the rock which followed them was Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4). He also stated that Christ is the end of the law (Romans 10:4).

This emphasis on the prophets continues in other epistles as well. Almost every sentence of Hebrews is built upon Jesus as the fulfillment of specific passages and types from the Old Testament. Peter applied ideas from Isaiah 53 to Jesus to show we must behave as His followers (1 Peter 2:18-25).

“Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” (Romans 15:3). “Now these things happened as examples for us” and “they were written for our instruction” (I Corinthians 10:6, 11).

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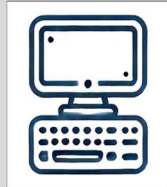
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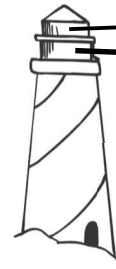
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The Old Testament in the New by Tommy Peeler

Jesus said, “You search in the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that bear witness of Me” (Jn 5:39). When the audience failed to believe Jesus, He said that Moses would accuse them to the Father. “For if you believed Moses you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?” (Jn 5:45-47). As Jesus was talking to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, He emphasized that the things that had taken place in His cross and resurrection were a fulfillment of the prophets. Then beginning with Moses and the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all of Scripture (Lu 24:25-27). He gave the apostles the same lesson later that evening saying “that all the things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled” (Lu 24:44-47).

On the day of Pentecost, Peter quoted from the Psalms (16, 132, 110) to emphasize that God’s promises to David were fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Acts 3 states that Jesus fulfilled all the prophets (3:18-24). In Acts 4, Peter emphasized Jesus’ fulfillment of Psalm 118 (4:11) and Psalm 2 (4:25-27). Stephen pointed out that the rejection of Joseph

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