

## VALUE OF THE OT

- I. History.
  - A. Suppose we were suddenly without any history. "Doomed to repeat."
    - 1. History is the vehicle which any generation receives benefit.
    - 2. We would be plunged into perpetual darkness without it.
    - 3. I think we all can see that.
  - B. Divine history even more important.
    - 1. The OT in inspired history of man's beginning.
    - 2. It shows His power. The Cause. Gen 1:1; 1:26
    - 3. Genesis account is the oldest, most accurate of any account.
    - 4. Declares God to be the Divine Architect of all that exists.
    - 5. Anything less could not account for marvelous design, intricate balance, precision functioning.
  - C. Some people reject the OT account.
    - 1. When so they reject only reliable account of history.
    - 2. It has records of Chaldean, Babylonian, Egyptian, Assyrian, Hebrew civilizations and cultures.
    - 3. Archaeologists and Paleontologists see the value now.
- II. Examples.
  - A. We have people we look up to, want to be like.
    - 1. Is it hard to find the right example all the time?
    - 2. That is why we have the wonderful examples in Bible.
    - 3. OT is full of positive and not so positive examples.
    - 4. Rom 15:4
  - B. Negative examples:
    - 1. Cain Gen 4:3
    - 2. Lot Gen 13:10
    - 3. Samson Judges 16
    - 4. Saul 1 Sam 14:9
    - 5. David 2 Sam 11
    - 6. Solomon 1 Kgs 11,
    - 7. (and countless others).
  - C. Positive examples:
    - 1. Enoch Gen 5:22
    - 2. Noah Gen 6
    - 3. Abraham Gen 12
    - 4. Joseph Gen 30-50
    - 5. Daniel
    - 6. Nation of Israel a type of the church.

D. Book of Hebrews develops typology and cause us to appreciate.

1. Without the OT we couldn't see the "better" covenant.
2. Without the OT we couldn't understand Acts, Heb, Rev.
3. In OT we are taught moral values, consequences of sin.

III. Prophecy and its fulfillment.

A. This may be the single most important element of the OT.

1. It proves, even to the non-believer, there is an Almighty God.
2. Isa. 7:14; Born of a virgin.
3. Micah 5:2; Birthplace.
4. Hosea 11:1; Flight into Egypt.
5. Zech 11:12, 13; betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.
6. David; Psalm 34:20, no broken bones.
7. Burial, resurrection, ascension...
8. Every verse of Isa 53 is prophetic. Converted the Ethiopian.

B. What a blessing the OT prophecies are.

1. Apostles on Pentecost, used Joel & David as proof. Acts 2:16.
2. Thousands believed because of this type of teaching.
3. Any person with an open mind will be convince.
4. OT = Christ is coming.
5. Matt- Jn = Christ has come.
6. Acts – Rev Christ is coming again.

C. Heb 1:1, 2. This sums up God's method of revelation.

D. We ought to truly prize the OT for its amazing value.

1. The faithful of the OT obeyed.
2. Today God has spoken thru Christ. Will you obey Him?