

17. How can we *be devoted to prayer* on one another's behalf this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*The Bible is the only Book whose Author is always present when it is read.*

Daily Bread

*When we were born anew by the Spirit of God, we were born for battle — the battle of perseverance (Mark 13:13), the battle to hold fast to our confession of hope (Hebrews 10:23), the battle not to shift from the hope of the gospel (Colossians 1:23). And the only way anyone can win this battle and maintain the full assurance of hope firm to the end is by fighting hopelessness with the Word of God.*

John Piper

*The greatest commentary for understanding the New Testament is a thorough grasp of the Old Testament.*

Keith Krell

*Although Christians live under the New Covenant and are not under the authority of the Old Covenant, God's moral law has not changed and all Scripture is of spiritual benefit.*

John MacArthur

*Though the heathen rage and the English people imagine a vain thing, the Lord Jesus, who controls all events, is my friend, my master, my God, my all.*

Henry Martyn

*However much a person may come to know in other areas, if he ... does not know what God has revealed about Himself and the way of salvation in the Bible, that person is ignorant and remains a great fool.*

*Only the Bible gives us a sure ground for hope, since only it speaks with full authority and trustworthiness about what God did to save us from sin and give us eternal life.*

James Montgomery Boice

*This notable passage shows us that the oracles of God contain nothing vain or unprofitable.... It would be an insult to the Holy Spirit to imagine that He had taught us anything which it is of no advantage to know. Let us also know that all that we learn from Scripture is conducive to the advancement of godliness.*

John Calvin



Message #116: *Why We Need the Old Testament*

June 18, 2017

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. What is Paul describing when he says, *whatever was written in earlier times... (Romans 15:4)*?
3. What do the following verses say about God's Word?  
*Deuteronomy 6:4-9* — *Hebrews 4:12* —  
*Psalm 119:105* — *2 Peter 1:19-21* —  
*Hebrews 4:12* —
4. What do *Romans 15:3-4* teach us about the role Scripture should have in our lives and church?
5. How do we know that the Old Testament is about Jesus?  
*Luke 24:25-27* — *John 5:39-40* —  
*Luke 24:44* — *Romans 15:3-4* —
6. According to *Romans 15:4*, what does Scripture teach us? Explain.
7. What is *the hope* Paul ends *Romans 15:4* with?
8. In what ways does Scripture give us hope?
9. How does *Ephesians 2:12* describe us before we were saved?
10. How does *1 Peter 1:3-5* describe us after we are saved?
11. What do the following verses tell us about the importance of the Old Testament to us today?  
*Romans 4:21-24* — *1 Corinthians 10:1-11* —  
*1 Corinthians 9:9-10* — *James 5:10-11* —
12. Since we are not under Old Testament law, how should we apply its moral commands to our lives?
13. By and large, Old Testament promises were given by God to the people of Israel. If we apply those promises to ourselves, are we stealing? Why or why not?
14. Read *Galatians 3* (especially *verses 7–9, 16, 29*) and *2 Corinthians 1:20*. How does Paul, in these verses, answer whether the Old Testament promises are ours or not?
15. What are some Old Testament promises that you can trust today as your own?
16. **Reflection Questions:** Am I more familiar with the Old or New Testament? Why? Could a deeper knowledge of the Old Testament increase my understanding and appreciation of the New Testament? Why don't I read more of the Old Testament? Are my reasons valid or just excuses?