

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Old Testament vs New Testament**Old Testament vs New Testament - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/9/10 19:29**

dear brethren

there is something i would like to know that has been bugging me for some time now. the Lord has led me to ask what is it that we are exempt from in this new Testament?

matthew 5 17-20 says:

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

if Christ didn't come to do away with the Law, and says we should obey it all, what then did He abolish which was of the Old Testament? i know it's not judgement like it was in the O.T. because the final judgement will be beyond anything in the O.T.

i'm guilty of saying "oh that was the Old Testament, that doesn't apply now" without fully understanding exactly what we're exempt from now.

how much are we excusing ourselves of by sweeping it under the O.T. rug? How much are we really exempt from as opposed to how much we are exempting ourselves from? i humbly ask for scriptures and prayerful consideration before posting.

p.s. i'm not a kjv fan coz i find it hard to read (olde englishe) i use an niv and good news which i find easier, but i'm learning to read it. since most people quote it in their posts i've done so here.

many thanks

Re: Old Testament vs New Testament - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2005/9/10 20:17

The only thing we are now exempt from is attempting to fulfill the law in our human strength.

The law in itself is only a shadow, it doesn't satisfy God or sanctify men outside of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Jesus has provided the grace to every child of God to now...

...love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.** (Matthew 22:37-40)

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/9/10 21:35

bro Ron

thanks for your response. i was in error for saying that we are exempt from this and that which wasn't fulfillment of the by our own strength. why then we write so many things off as being old testament when fulfillment of the law is the only exemption. complacency?

Re: Old vs new Covenant - posted by roadsign (), on: 2005/9/12 8:37

Quote:
-----why then we write so many things off as being old testament when fulfillment of the law is the only exemption. complacency?

Even if we did eradicate the Old Covenant laws, Jesus words say it all -- every commandment is incorporated into his teachings somehow. Even the ritual laws -- every one of them is a picture of a spiritual law that is relevant today.

It seems that most professing Christians still dwell in the Old Covenant era. As long as they are still ruled by their old natures, they are not living in Spirit of the New Covenant with transformed minds. They still want to be the masters of their own lives. So they make themselves an authority over Scripture, making it submit to their sinful desires (to rule their own lives). They are still like the rebellious, unbelieving Israelites. They may obsess on the laws they like (esp finger-pointing laws and laws that control religion) and are blind to a host of others (laws about mercy and love). Or, those unregenerate "Christians" who do abolish the entire Old Testament are still in spiritual darkness, and thus will fail to see the Law through the words of Christ. (Antinomianism)

Ironman, Does that make any sense? Am I tracking with you?

I must admit that I am still trying to grasp even my own words here. I have lived in an Old Covenant mindset for so many years, (without realizing it) that I would not be surprised if there are many areas of my life where I am still bound with legalistic thinking. (Galatians)

Amen to this:

Quote:
-----The only thing we are now exempt from is attempting to fulfill the law in our human strength.

Diane

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/9/12 18:29

hey sis Diane

by saying some Christians are still living in the O.T. era, do you mean that they lack the mercy and patience which comes from the Holy Spirit? or perhaps fail altogether to submit to the Holy Spirit?

Re: old, new covenant - posted by roadsign (), on: 2005/9/12 19:07

Quote:
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I'm not sure. Can one have a foot in each covenant? It would seem that if one is still living according to Old Covenant principles, they haven't really been born from above, (born again)

I use the word "Christian" loosely - referring to all who call themselves by that name. I'd say by far most Christians are not even saved.

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Evidence of living in the Old Covenant:

They center their worship on form and place (building, religious activity, and such) rather than life centered on Spirit.

- depend on works of the flesh for salvation
- focus on outer behavior
- not led by the Spirit, living by the Spirit
- do not reflect the heart of Christ
- more focused on law and justice than mercy and forgiveness,

Maybe they lack patience and mercy because they have not experienced God's patience and mercy towards them.

It's hard to distinguish, as one can easily be fooled by good outer cover. Only in the final judgment will it be obvious who are wheat and who are tares.

Diane

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/9/12 19:46

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sis Diane

we've concluded that being under grace means that we can fulfill o.t. standards/statutes by help of the Holy Spirit so we need to be aware of the statutes in question. however from some of the evidences of O.T.-type living, one word comes to mind, hypocrite. just like the pharisees who did it all by the book but in the wrong spirit.

not a hit topic - posted by roadsign (), on: 2005/9/13 15:11

Quote:
----- one word comes to mind, hypocrite. just like the Pharisees who did it all by the book but in the wrong spirit.

Those who try hard to be good Christians in their own strength have no other recourse but to follow the letter of the law. I'd say that the vast majority of churchgoers are all trying, but as you say, in the wrong spirit, without the Holy Spirit.

Have you thought about how useless this discussion topic is - in general. Explaining the New Covenant Law (of the Spirit) is like trying to explain color to a blind man. Spiritual truths cannot be discerned with the natural mind. So you could go on forever discussing antinomianism, legalism, the laws, hypocrisy, etc and you are just beating yourself on the head.

The New Covenant is the best news in the entire Bible. But it sure isn't a favourite discussion topic in any Christian circle. Sorry, but that seems to be a reality.

Diane

Re: not a hit topic - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/9/14 13:00

sis diane

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you know i understand why the Lord has shut me up now. the revelations He gives us to share aren't always received in the right spirit. we write off to much stuff as being false without letting God try it for us. i felt moved by Him to ask that question so i could get an answer and i did. thanks to you all, or both ;-)

Re: Old Testament vs New Testament - posted by Rahman, on: 2005/9/16 16:22

Brother Ironman you wrote;

"you know i understand why the Lord has shut me up now"

Praise God for that revelation to you ... i know it's not an easy understanding to come to, for i've had to go thru the same thing ... We get so used to spouting when He has us in spout mode, that it's hard to shut up/down when He ceases our lips ...

Anyhow i just thought i'd throw in my 2 cents about the Old and New Testament ... First off it's not vs when it comes to the OT and the NT, for the NT (via the Gospels of Jesus) is the fulfilment of the OT, they are complimentary for we'd never understand the NT without the OT, and vice-versa ... i'm convinced that the reason God answered my prayer to telling His story and making it plain via THE CALLED, is the reason why He's finally - at this day and time- bringing it to fruition, so that folk can readily understand the connection ...

For me the OT represents no threat to my NT salvation in Christ as i fully know and understand that Christ completely fulfilled that Law which once condemned me, but now that i'm covered in His blood there is therefore no condemnation in Him ... So why am i so in love with the OT? ... i'll tell you why ... Because it's the OT that my foundation of "faith" has been built on ... It's the dealings of God with His OT chosen folk that has had such a great and formative impact on my believing, such as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Elijah, Jonah, David, Solomon, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel and the like ... The OT gives us all some pretty intricate histories of these saints ups and downs and more importantly God's in and outworkings thru their ups and downs ... The OT lives of those saints let me know that even in my imperfections, mess ups, hang ups and bang ups God can still consider me a man after His own heart, and still make all things work together for His good thru me ... Just think, He did that with OT folk, now think of what He could do thru us in Christ who are now indwelt by the Holy Ghost, if we'd but only surrender ...

That's why the book of Hebrews is my favorite NT book ... If we read it and take it for what it says, it totally explains the symbiotic relationship between the two, and the greater fulfilment of the NT for the believer over the OT ...

But then it hits we NT believers at Heb. 11 with what we all can and must learn from our OT counterparts ... THE NEED FOR FAITH! ... FAITH! ... FAITH! ... For with us that "haven't seen" what they "did see" we need our FAITH! even moreso ... That's what i love about this scripture ...

Heb.12

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Brother Ironman you're in the wilderness, and i'm on the road just about to cross over the bridge (the final galley for THE CALLED was approved yesterday and went into production today) ... So what do we both have in common right about thru here? ... We're both in a one on one experience with God where He's talking to us, and we should be talking back to Him ...

To tell you the truth, i'm being far more effective in this time of His shutting my mouth because some key folk in my assignment are now seeking me out to find out why i'm now so quiet ... Now isn't that interesting ...

REST in the "shut down lesson" for now brother Ironman, for believe me He will unzip our lips anew ... to a higher level .. when He's ready! ... Amen ... :beard:

PS - See you in Babylon! ... ;-)

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2005/9/17 23:36

Quote:
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I'm filtering this statement through my own present experiences.(Isn't that what we all tend to do?)

It seems like God is teaching me that REST is not necessarily a temporary period of being "shut down", but a brand new permanent state - entering into the Promised Land (Hebrews)
Being in his REST, for me seems to be a condition of freedom - freedom from the constant inner nagging - that I must have something yet to do, maybe a "special calling", or that just around the corner I'm going to DO something great for God.

I think that this is the essence of the New Covenant promise - entering his REST, totally content - without feeling that something is missing - something I must do in order to make myself feel complete, or make me a better Christian. And when all those unsettled inner naggings are dead, then I know that I will be able to just sit at the feet of Jesus. I'm not there yet, I'd say.

I know that if he has something for me, fine, but that is up to him, and he will make it happen the way he wants.

Diane

Re: Old Testament vs New Testament - posted by Rahman, on: 2005/9/19 11:50

Hi sister Diane ...

Speaking solely for myself, as you've said "filtering things thru my own experience(s)" with God, I find there to be different levels of "rest" ... Such as I'm completely at rest that the Bible is the Word of God, and completely at rest that I'm saved in our Lord Jesus Christ and am heavenbound ... I'm also completely at rest that even though at present the Body of Christ doesn't quite seem to be up to par in saltiness and light, that the gates of hell will not prevail against it ... But the rest I spoke of to brother Ironman has to do with God's calling to those of us who have come to believe that He has a specific purpose for, in, and with our lives ... I believe there comes a time in the specific work when He'll temporarily (as He did with Ezekiel) shut us down for His own specific reasons ...

True God has a plan and purpose for ALL His children that come to Him, but Scripture is replete with those few in comparison to the greater majority of saints, who are called out according to what you referred to as a "special" calling/purpose ... I personally don't like to use the term "special" or "doing something great for God" because it makes others have a tendency to chalk "pride" up to anyone who believes they're hearing something from God that most others aren't ...

For the record, from my point of view, any of us who in fact have been called of Him to His own specific purpose of moving and shaking His Body and/or the world in general has been called of no "special" merit of our own, but simply because God decided to do the choosing ... In my own belief/experience of being picked out by Him for a specific work, I have a really difficult time understanding why in that there are so many others far more worthy and faithful in my book from which He could have chosen ...

So 25 years ago I had my salvation experience, resting in the fact that I'm washed in the blood ... But the more I went on in church the more Holy Spirit kept pointing out things to me that we as the Body must quit - The first being the ugliness of denominationalism ... He sent me on a mission regarding this, and I could not "rest" until the task of bringing a Baptist preacher/church and Pentecostal preacher/church together in fellowship, worship and praise was done ... In fact these two preachers/churches are the same two (I believe) He's assigned me to all these years, and I firmly believe will be instrumental to the welfare of so many souls in the Philly area in lieu of the hardships coming ...

I remember when the work got too hard for me and I did my Jonah routine ... I had no rest from my rebellion until I repented and got myself back in line with the specific work prescribed for me to do ... Now that that work is done (for that particu

lar season) i am at complete rest from that end of the work, and am now being prepared for the continuance of His work for me in the new season ...

It's the same with The Called finally coming out in publication ... Here's something that has taken 18 years to come to fruition, and yes had i had what it took to rest thru that period in the fact that all things occur (if its of Him) in His perfect timing, i could have saved myself 18 years of fretting, but i didn't ... But i can now say that even in this i am now at rest, and it was in His reconnecting me to the preparedness of publication that i was even able to rest in His shutting my mouth ...

i've often said that i could have really done without what you so rightly described as that "inner nagging" - that nagging th at Jeremiah described as fire shut up in his bones ... It's a compelling that seems to drive some of us way past the acceptable, and comfortable status quo ... i've often questioned myself as to whether that drive was of me or of God, and have come to believe that it has to be of Him because if it was left up to me i'd be chillin like it seems so many other church folk are ...

And finally let me say that i don't feel like anythings missing in Christ, but i do have the nagging feeling that a whole lot is missing in Christ Church as far as our representing the Kingdom of God as His ambassadors to this lost and dying world , and i know i can't take credit for placing that nagging in myself ... It's the same as i feel about the souls of my fellow unbelieving human beings being swept into eternal hell, the burden i feel for this is straight up of the Spirit of God, and anything that i do toward the salvation of the souls of the unsaved is not by my might or power, but of His own thru a not always so willing instrument ...

i truly believe that as long as God has His work for me to do i'll never be content in that aspect until i've done what it is that He has for me to do ... And true what you said "I know that if he has something for me, fine, but that is up to him, and he will make it happen the way he wants." ... But for me, being like Jacob, yeah i have the promise, and yes He gave me the vision, and sure nuff He don't need my help to get me there, but scripture says that the Kingdom of God is taken by those with that nagging sensation that there's more, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently (painstakingly) seek Him ...

In my salvation i take Him upon His word that i can rest - and so i do, but when it comes to His work for me i want to keep on scrappin up that mountain until i hear Him say for me to rest "a minute" ... And i believe that as long as i'm down here with His work for me to do, that rest will always be a temporary one, as i know that when He allows us to lay one burden down, that rest period will give us renewed strength to pick up and even move a heavier one ... i'll rest contented and complete once i get to glory ... Amen

Re: What is the right question? - posted by roadsign (), on: 2005/9/20 12:37

Rahman, Thank you for sharing your own personal journey through times of rest. You brought out the reality that a word, like "rest" can be used in many contexts - and still not be wrong. Clearly CONTEXT is king, and we must keep that in mind in discussion.

For instance:

You equated "inner nagging" to Jeremiah's "fire in my bones" - a sense of burden to birth the message implanted within him.

I used the words "inner nagging" in a different way, yet both uses are legitimate. I was referring to unsettled business with God - a deep, (likely unconscious) gnawing sense of perpetual guilt and condemnation that drives a person to do things (works) in order to reduce that discomfort. (sometimes called penance)

Guilt responses are not of faith, and we know that whatever is not of faith is sin. To be motivated by guilt is an indication that one hasn't come into full REST in the New Covenant promise of forgiveness through Christ. The root is unbelief, and a desire to be in charge of one's own life (like Adam and Eve).

Ironman, there is something about your original question that is still nagging me (there goes another use of the word), so I went back to start over again. You asked:

Quote:

----- what is it that we are exempt from in this new Testament?

IntheLight said:

Quote:

----- The only thing we are now exempt from is attempting to fulfill the law in our human strength.

I'd like to phrase that more strongly:

Trying to fulfill the law in our own strength is a form of rebellion. One is still being ruled by their sin nature. "Whatever is not of faith is sin." James

Ironman, your question, in itself, seems filled with problems. For if one is truly living the exchanged life - ie Christ through and in him, this question need not be asked. For the Spirit writes God's laws in our hearts and in our minds (Jer. 31:33) The Spirit guides us to live by laws of love for God and fellow man.

However, if the question is asked by someone who is still ruled by their natural flesh, (true of most who ask this) than it is still not going to point them in the right direction. I believe that one reason people may ask this question is because they still don't feel absolved, they carry some hidden nagging guilt. (And they should!) They may be looking for ways to live the "right" in their flesh, and win God's approval.

The Old Covenant Law was written for the nation of Israel, not the pagan nations (= gentiles) Even today, the Law is never meant to be a substitute for life in Christ. The NT does not have a category of laws for those who want to live apart from Christ. (Thus your question keeps on being asked - no one can find the answer)

I think we waste a lot of breath trying to fit the New Covenant Law of the Spirit into Old Covenant people. It doesn't work. We soon end up trying to find some Old Covenant law anyway, and then we just make nicely polished "Christians". And they'll cling to laws that accommodate their sinful mindset.

So why do we keep helping these people along by giving them formulas for living that will only encourage them to live their lives in their own strength?

Now I'll contradict myself: Those who don't have a Spirit-ruled inner conscience need rules and laws. Without the Spirit, they need an external source of controls. That would include everyone from birth, because all are sinners.

Our society needs laws because the people, for the most part, are without Christ. Yet even if it tries to follow laws in the bible, it will fail to maintain a godly standard. The old nature will eventually produce its bad fruit.

At some point each individual must turn over the reins to a new master. One either continues to be ruled by the sin nature (and desires laws in order to have control) or one is ruled by our Lord (and doesn't need external laws to have self-control)

Rom. 6:14 "For sin shall not be your master because you are not under law but under grace."

We must ask: Who does this verse refer to? - I mean, really, not ideally.

"Man is a slave to whatever has mastered him." 2 Pet. 2:19. He is either mastered by the sin nature, or by the Spirit

And that brings us to the right questions: "Who is your master?"

And: How do you know?

Diane

PS

When I think of the "laws" Paul wrote, weren't they usually directed towards immature believers, ex: the Corinthian churches, legalizers, etc

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/9/20 15:35

Someone wrote:

Quote:

-----The only thing we are now exempt from is attempting to fulfill the law in our human strength

The OT saints could not fulfill the law in their human strength, nor were they ever expected to. Listen to Psalm 119

25 My soul clings to the dust: revive me according to Your word. 26. I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes. Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works...Remove the way of lying, and grant me Your law graciously...28

Listen to where this man knows where his help comes from. He knows that he cannot overcome the sin in his life. He asks the Lord to remove it from him. He asks the Lord for understanding. Where does this wisdom come from? Is it not the Holy Spirit?

No one was ever expected to keep the law in their own strength. They were all condemned by the law just like we are today.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/9/21 12:09

1 Kings 10:24 Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.
9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Prov. 2:6 For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;
7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;

Prov. 2:10 When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
10 When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
11 Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you,

Here are some examples of what God does in men. We say that we need to have the Holy Spirit illuminate the word of

God. We say that this illumination gives us understanding. The OT gives us many examples of saints who were also saved in the same way.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/9/22 11:20

The books of Psalms and Proverbs are part of the OT. Those generations read the Word of God, does not the power of the Word of God have the same power to change their lives as it does those who read His Word now?

Who give man the right to cut out sections of the Holy Scripture? Is not the real question, how little do we understand how every jot and tittle fits perfectly.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by Rahman, on: 2005/9/22 12:11

Hey brother Jeff! ... Good to see you back ... :-D

You wrote:

Who give man the right to cut out sections of the Holy Scripture? Is not the real question, how little do we understand how every jot and tittle fits perfectly.

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa-men! ... "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." ... :beard:

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/9/23 16:14

Br Rahman wrote:

Quote:
-----Hey brother Jeff! ... Good to see you back ...

Our family will be moving to Lancaster County Pennsylvania in June. That is almost in your neck of the woods. It is also good to hear your Voice.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: Old Testament vs New Testament - posted by baruch_48, on: 2005/9/24 4:46

very good posts, Rahman & Roadsign we must learn to "be" - before we "do"

W. Nee has a great message someone titled "Waste", floating around the Net somewhere (don't have a link to it off-hand , could be here on sermonindex) ... that challenges to just "be" before the Lord in His presence ... for the rest of one's life, if that's what He calls you to

Significant that the Lord shut brother Nee up in a Chinese prison for 20 years after he proclaimed that

Would we follow the Lord if He leads us "Nowhere" ?

Re: Perhaps one word - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/9/24 12:39

Quote:

-----Would we follow the Lord if He leads us "Nowhere" ?

It's a good question and reminds one of:

Jer 45:5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

With some clarifying, not to take it completely out of context.

Jer 45:5 - Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not,.... Riches and wealth honour and esteem, peace and prosperity; these were not to be sought after and expected, when the whole nation would be involved in such a general calamity. Baruch perhaps expected that his reading the roll to princes would have been a means of preferring him at court, of advancing him to some post or office, in which he might have acquired wealth, and got applause, and lived in peace and plenty all his days; but this was not to be looked for; when, if he observed, the very roll he wrote and read contained in it prophecies of the general ruin of the nation. The Jews restrain this to the gift of prophecy they suppose Baruch sought after, which was not to be enjoyed out of the land of Canaan:

for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh; not upon every individual person in the world; but upon all the inhabitants of Judea, who should either die by the sword or by famine, or by pestilence, or be carried captive, or be in some distress or another:

but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest; suggesting that he should be obliged to quit his native place and country, and go from place to place; as he did, after the destruction of Jerusalem, along with the prophet; and even into Egypt with the Jews that went there; where his life would be in danger, and yet should be preserved; he should be snatched as a brand out of the burning, when Jerusalem was taken; and in other places, when exposed, though he should lose everything, yet not his life; which should be as dear to him as a rich spoil taken by the soldier, being a distinguishing mercy.

John Gill

Where this all might tie together with the original question... Think Rahman touched on it and the word that stands out primarily is;

"Fulfilled"

Maybe a deeper searching into what all is contained in that would bring forth a closing of the gap in our thinking of what is perceived between the "Old" and the "New". It seems to carry both a sense of completion while yet raising the standard even higher. That of what Jesus stated in regards to the righteousness of the Pharisees ... *surpassing*

Perhaps that is enough for starters, before this sense of my own fleshly thoughts starts creeping in.

Something I do feel warranted to bring forth here though. Both Rahman and IRONMAN. Think there was a point of departure and perhaps some animosity between us due to a lot of the discussions over prophesy in the past. It caused some reflection and reassessment, far too much to go into here. But find it very interesting that perhaps we all were made to reflect, being that this is being expressed in various ways, in being "shut up"... hope that is not misconstrued, just in the pulling back ... Bound to get off track so will state it plainly. Missed both of you here and took much to heart out of all that came before. At the time Jim left to go I believe it was to Africa? My prayers went along with him as well, just not vocalized here. Hope it is well with his soul, perhaps an update of how he is fairing? Think there were a lot of things now upon reflection that I would look at differently. For everyone else here, this may mean very little, but to you both I humble myself and thank you for helping me shave off some more of the plank in my own eye. There is just far too much that we cannot glean from where you are sitting. But your hearts still come through.

Where will we be able to purchase this work Rahman? How wonderful to know one of our own has developed something

into production, I eagerly look forward to it.

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/9/30 13:15

Mike wrote:

Quote:
-----Maybe a deeper searching into what all is contained in that would bring forth a closing of the gap in our thinking of what is perceived between the "Old" and the "New". It seems to carry both a sense of completion while yet raising the standard even higher. That of what Jesus stated in regards to the righteousness of the Pharisees ... surpassing

There is much more to be learned during this particular time of the coming judgement of Judah. Those whom God saved were sent into captivity to various places. Some went to Babylon some north to Assiriah (SP). During this generation few were believers. Yet God saved a remnant for Himself. Those who went into captivity received their life as a reward for or not wholeheartedly giving into to the wicked ways of men surrounding them. But yet they themselves had become hard of "hearing."

Then look to the time of captivity. Read about those who lived in captivity. God began to raise up another generation from those who were given their lives and saved from God's wrath. Read Ezekiel, Hosea, Nehemiah, Ezra. God brings His elect back to their former homeland. Read about the celebration that takes place concerning Succoth. Read the book of Zechariah. God begins to work Spiritually in this generation. He begins with Joshua the high priest. Listen to the work of Christ in Zechariah 3. This is an example of God creating a new generation through the power of His Holy Spirit.

There is always a remnant of faithful believers which God works upon to create a Holy Branch in the midst of unfaithful and heathen populations. These people are all fed from the Root of Jesse.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: Old Testament vs New Testament - posted by Rahman, on: 2005/9/30 15:21

Greetings all!

Br. Jeff you wrote:

"Our family will be moving to Lancaster County Pennsylvania in June. That is almost in your neck of the woods."

Brother Jeff ... yes ... Lancaster is about 80 miles from me ... That's in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch ... Please let me know when you get here ...

Brother Mike ...

Speaking for myself, and I pray both Ironman and Jimm would agree, there is no animosity between us ... And the only departure was from that very subject of "prophecy", as it was (I believe) His time for us all to be disconnected from it ... As you said it gave us all a lot to consider, and departure from the subject has disconnected any possibility of our enemy getting in between us and keeping us from staying in Christ commandment that we love one another ... As to the "shutting down" and/or "shutting up", there is a season for everything under the sun, and like you this has been a good quiet down time that Holy Spirit has been able to remove enough of my "self" out of the way to hear the concerns of others ... Our Lord is good like that to all of us of pure heart (which as you say we still hear in one another), and bless Him that "all things work together for the good of those that love our Lord, and are called according to His purpose" ... Even our strivings, and often times bickerings, if out of our sincere love for Him and an ever diligent seeking toward understanding more of Him and His will for us, will always come out in the end to our/His good ... That's His promise to us! ...

You wrote;

"Where will we be able to purchase this work Rahman? How wonderful to know one of our own has developed something into production, I eagerly look forward to it."

i'm waiting on the publisher to e-mail me that the web-page for The Called has been set up (which will probably be some time in the beginning of October), at which point i'll let you know ... it will be advertised (according to them) to 25,000 Christian book stores, also to secular book stores (because i'm really interested in the unsaved gaining a fuller understanding of God's salvation plan), and will be available on-line from the likes of Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc ...

i just pray that God gets ALL THE GLORY out of it (if in fact as i've said before this proves to be of Him) in the form of a multitude of souls being harvested into His kingdom, and by the percentage of the proceeds that (i believe) i've heard Him say for me to store up/invest toward the provision (in famine) of the church He's assigned me too, as well as of giving to missions and the poor ...

i pray God that thru this vehicle He will finally totally immerse me in His work ... Really we all need to be totally immersed in the work of our Lord Jesus ... "Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past, Only What's Done For Christ Will Last ... Amen

Re: Old Testament vs New Testament - posted by Rahman, on: 2005/10/3 17:08

Bro. Mike ...

THE CALLED is NOW available to the public ...

i posted the info over on this thread ...

What God Showed His Prophet Enoch ... THE CALLED: is finally published ...

http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=7492&forum=35&

It's fitting under this thread because the novel explains the beginning ties of the OT (why?) to the NT(how) ... The second part of the trilogy, GOD ON EARTH really brings it home in that it tells historically even more of His story/plan from Gen. 33 right on up to John's receiving the Revelation ...

Now to see what Holy Ghost will do with this novel!

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/10/4 14:17

Ezekiel 11:

14 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 15 Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession. 16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. 17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. 18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: 20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 21 But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Who are the two groups of people identified here in this section of Scripture?

One is faithful the other is not. What promise does God give to those who are faithful? What is the nature of this promise?

To whom is this promise, promised?

Do you see the mysteries of God's promise at work in the captivity?

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/10/5 12:38

Jer. 24:1 The LORD showed me, and there were two baskets of figs set before the temple of the LORD, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3 Then the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

And I said, "Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad."

Jer. 24:4 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 5 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for their own good, into the land of the Chaldeans. 6 For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land; I will build them and not pull them down, and I will plant them and not pluck them up. 7 Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.'

This section of Scripture also speaks of the work that God would do at the end of the 70 year exile of the remnant Israel.

What does it mean the God would "give them a heart to know Me?"

Are you willing to hear the word of God or do you choose to remain not hearing.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/10/7 12:14

Psalm 143:

7 Answer me speedily, O LORD;
My spirit fails!
Do not hide Your face from me,
Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,
For in You do I trust;
Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
For I lift up my soul to You.
9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
In You I take shelter.
10 Teach me to do Your will,
For You are my God;
Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Do you think an OT saint would want the same thing as David spoke of here in these Scriptures?

In Christ
Jeff