

# Thought for the Week

## The Joy of Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

When we point the Old Testament to Jesus Christ, we don't destroy the practical applications of the Old Testament stories. Seeing Christ in the Old Testament doesn't mean we can't learn from David's failures or Israel's sinfulness in the wilderness. It likewise doesn't mean we can't learn about and desire the great faith Daniel had or the God-loving heart that David had. Rather, seeing Christ in the Old Testament helps us understand how to rightly apply these stories to our lives. Hebrews 11-12:1 gives a long list of men who had great faith in the Old Testament. We are to be encouraged by their examples, and to some extent, we ought to desire to imitate that. If we want to imitate these men rightly, we must fix our eyes not on the laws or the principles, or even the men themselves, but on Christ, as Hebrew 12:2 makes clear. For though many of these men were great, all of them had their eyes on heavenly things where Christ is seated, because they needed Jesus just as much as you and I do.

When we see the Old Testament in light of Jesus, we don't destroy its essence, we enrich it. We see God's grace as Jesus, who is the rock and the living water, followed Israel through the wilderness in the midst of their sin (1 Corinthians 10:4). We see the weight and power behind the words of God when he told Abraham to not sacrifice his son, because he will provide a sacrifice, namely Jesus, his only Son. We see vivid imagery of the blood of Christ on the cross not only in the Passover, but also in numerous passages such as Exodus 24:8, when "Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, 'Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you'" (see also Matthew 26:28).

If you want to find joy in reading the Old Testament, don't read it through the lens of irrelevant stories or mere over-bearing laws. Rather, see the grace it all points to. Read the Old Testament and see God's redemptive plan. See Jesus. "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!" (John 5:39)

*By Ian Conrey, from the For The Church website*

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## What's on?

### TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

### WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

### THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

### FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

## Seniors Plus Conference

Seniors Plus Encore is a two-day event for retirees at the Sunshine Coast, held on the 18-19th of August. This conference features 4 Bible teaching sessions, 3 electives, and 2 encouraging Hymn Sings. The Bible teaching is by Simon Manchester from Sydney, focussing on the theme, "Deep People in a Shallow World", with studies taken from 2 Corinthians 2:12-7:7. See <https://www.mtcc.org.au/events/> to register, or talk to Pam Scales or Ros Mayes to find out more.

## SOS Outing

Next SOS outing ("Seniors Outing Somewhere") will be on Thursday June 25 for Mini Golf at Maroochy Golf Club, followed by a Sausage Sizzle at Muller Park Reserve (both on David Low Way). Please put your name on the list in the foyer if interested. See Anneli for further details.

## Soccer Home Games

Can you come on a Saturday morning and help with a few jobs? Remaining home games are on June 20, July 18, July 25 and August 8. Contact Phil Roberts for more details.

## Pastor Bill on leave

Bill will be on leave from Tuesday June 23 - Sunday July 5. Please contact our elders Greg Blunden or John Curtis with any pastoral needs. Kathy will still be available as normal in the interim Playgroup/Sunday School role.

## Care Outreach - Volunteers Needed

Do you have any spare time in your weekly schedule? Care Outreach would be only too happy to help you fill in that time - whether it be a couple of hours or a full day. For more information, talk to Pam Scales

## Prayer Points:

- Thank God that he did not spare Jesus, his one and only beloved son, who gave himself as a sacrifice for our sins (Romans 8:32)
- Pray for Mark & Jane Varidel, who shared during church last Sunday about their hope to go to Japan as long term missionaries in the future.
- Pray for Riley O'Keefe who left for his school mission trip to St Christopher's Children's Home in Fiji on Friday (July 19-29).
- Pray for God's provision as we search for a new Associate Pastor.
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell, including Trish F, Arthur & Gloria, Jeff Byrnes, John B, Judie T, and others those with winter colds & flus, and also those with ongoing/chronic conditions.

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*'To know Christ and make Him known'*



"She died at Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to Weep over her." (*Gen 23:2*)

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9AM *Pastor Bill*

God's Promises and Our Promises.

Genesis 23:1-20