

Understanding The Old Testament: Part 4

Moses, the Law and the Promise

1) The Exodus

- God keeps His promises (Exodus 1:1-7 / 3:7-8)
- God reveals Himself. (Exodus 14:10-14, 15-19)

2) The law.

- God takes the first step. (Exodus 19:3-6 / Ex. 20:1-2)

"by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20

"For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."

11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"-- 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith." Galatians 3:10-14

3) The Tabernacle. (Exodus 40:34-38)

- "God with us"
- The tabernacle and all of its details are a picture of:
 1. The reality of our fallenness and sinfulness
 2. God's desire to be with us.
 3. We must follow God's way, not ours to be near Him.

4) Atonement. (Lev. 16:15,21,22,30 and Exodus 12:21-27)

- The death of an innocent and perfect animal as a substitute for their sin was a picture of the cross.

5) Rebellion. (Numbers 14:20-25 / Dt 28 / Dt 30:1-6)

- In God's plan, He did not change their hardened hearts, yet he offered mercy to whoever would turn to Him. (Dt. 30:1-6)
- God promised to one day change hearts so that they would love the Lord. (Dt. 30:5-6 & Philippians 2:13)