

The Promise of Christ in the Old Testament

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

“Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms”

- Jesus (Luke 24:44)

- 1.) What has been your experience in reading the Old Testament of the Bible? Do you find it hard to follow? Easy to follow? Why or why not?
- 2.) What are some places in the Old Testament where you've come across a picture or prophecy of Jesus? What was your response when it finally “clicked?”
- 3.) How could the Pharisees & the Scribes, who studied the Old Testament in depth more than anyone, miss seeing Jesus?
- 4.) What was it about Jesus that caused them to write Him off as an option for who they were expecting in the coming Messiah?
- 5.) What kind of impact do you think it had on the disciples, when they saw Jesus in the Old Testament for the first time?
- 6.) Prior to the cross, the Old Testament prophecies about Jesus seemed kind of fuzzy. Now, after the cross and looking back, the Old Testament prophecies begin to come into much sharper focus. In 20/20 it's clear to see that God had a plan for His people through Christ, even though they couldn't always see it. What do we learn about the character and plan of God through this? What do we learn concerning us?
- 7.) Have there been moments in your life (i.e. - dark valleys, times of confusion, etc...) where you couldn't see the hand of God in your life, only to be able to look back later on and connect the dots in order to see that indeed, Christ was there with you the whole time? If so, what were those times like in the process? How did you feel the moment you began to finally “get it?”
- 8.) Is there anything in your life right now, in which you need to trust the Lord with for direction and guidance? Explain.
- 9.) What can you take away from this message about Christ in the Old Testament that will help you to trust God more in those times?