

*Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*

**Psalm 119:105**

## Store In My Heart

### 2John 9

Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

We understand the word "abide" to indicate the idea of "live in." We need to live in the teaching that Christ delivered through His apostles and inspired writers. Not just give some attention to it from time to time, but submit our very life to its commands and precepts. It must guide all parts of our life. There is no way around it!

We cannot treat the teachings of Christ as a set of suggestions from which we pick bits and pieces as we see fit and still expect to remain in good favor with God. It is a way of life that we must live!

If I expect to be with God and His Son I must make God's Word the plan for living all the days of my life.

# The Beauty Of The Old Testament

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Walking through the pages of the Old Testament is as walking into the home of an older person who has a lifetime of memories and stories that would fill hours upon hours of endless discussion. The faded pictures turn the mind back to a time when others walked the halls of the home. Their voices are distant with the days gone by. The treasures placed upon the shelves covered with lace beckon the heart with reminders of events that covered a time long ago. The smell of old lingers in the air and the floors creak as time marches on.

A walk through the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament bears witness to stories of long ago that tell of man's history in birth and travail with God through the many centuries of time. Faded pictures come to mind of Noah struggling to be holy in an unholy world. The dusty trails of Abraham rise before us as we see him walking by faith to a place God has promised. Scenes of greatness and pictures of despair cover the tapestry of God's holy word in the long ago. Great men and women exemplify faith in their devotion to God. Others fall prey to the lust of the flesh and through the pride of life lose their place before God.

The Old Testament is a place of beginnings. From the pages of Genesis man sees his beginning was by design and purpose. Life is not a mundane existence of evolutionary, humanistic groveling for survival. Intelligence marks the creation of God and responsibility is given to man to behold his Creator in obedience. The story of man's history unfolds



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## For Our Information

Adene Gray has not been feeling well this past week. She has felt weak and unable to do very much. Blood tests done earlier in the week came back with no problems showing.

Several of our older members are having difficulties with their health.

It is important that we keep each other in our prayer to God.

Tonight we start in 1Kings 20.

Wednesday we are in 2Timothy 2:14.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

as he seeks to find his own way and follow his own desires - only to end in despair. Through the pages of the Old Testament, God shows the worst of man when he tries to live without God.

The Old Testament is a time of knowing the Creator. God has shown Himself in natural revelation: *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."* (**Romans 1:20**) As men walked upon the face of the earth, God further revealed Himself in special revelation as He spoke to them and guided them with His law. The pages of the Old Testament stand in testimony to how God has dealt with man in loving-kindness and with the fierceness of His wrath.

Man learns who God is in character from the pages of the Old Testament. *"But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth."* (**Psalms 86:15**) In every line and upon every moment of history, God declares who He is. The Old Testament is a place of honor to see who the one, true God of all time is. He is loving to those who love Him and just to those who reject His counsel.

The apostle Paul wrote in **Romans 15:4**, *"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."* Again Paul wrote in **2Timothy 3:16-17**, *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* As we enter the Old Testament, we can look at the pictures on the wall of those who have gone on before with renewed courage and faith. We can pick up the stories placed upon the ancient lace and be reminded of how great our God is. As we walk those hallowed halls of God through the pages of His Old Testament, we can be refreshed with hope in the promise of God: *"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."* (**1Peter 1:13**)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!