THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Old Testament

OUR FAMILY NEWS

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Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." **Genesis 1:1 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 46:10 (KJV)

Evening Sermon: "The Work of the Church" Daniel Schramm

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk i	n Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

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Appreciation for the Old Testament

How often do we over look the valuable information and teachings that are found in the Old Testament? In reality there is so much amazing information in the Old Testament. It seems that sometimes we get worried about trying to teach people that we are not under the old law that we take no time to study and appreciate the old law.

One thing that I am trying to challenge myself on this year to get better at, is knowing the Old Testament better. The fact of the matter is if we don't know our Old Testament how can we truly appreciate the New? Galatians 3:24-25 NKJV "Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor." There are so many examples in the Old Testament that still have principals which apply to us today. Think about parenting, worship and dealing with sin. The Old Testament deals with all those topics very clearly.

When you study with people who don't have an understanding of the Old Tes-

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tament they begin to think that maybe God character has changed from the old to the new. Yet scripture does not teach that Hebrews 13:8 NKJV "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." God's character has always been the same He does not change. I Peter 1:15-16 NKJV "but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." Leviticus 20:26 NKJV "And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine." With these scriptures in mind the importance of the Old Testament and value found in it should excite us to make the time to study it.

Think about individuals like Noah, Moses and David. We can read about these people we can clearly see the consequences and the accomplishments they had

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in their lives. There are so many questions that could be answered if we would take the time to study the lives of those individuals. To what happens

when one overcomes public ridicule to obey God and build a massive ark, or how Moses who although considered himself to be incapable of delivering the Israelites would become the deliverer through the power of God. Then David a man after God's own heart who would commit such an abomina-



tion yet still find forgiveness through godly sorrow. We miss so many blessings when we don't take the time to study the lives of these individuals.

God's grace, love and mercy has always been available. Genesis 4:6-7 NKJV "So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Here is an example of God warning Cain to not be consumed by his own anger and if Cain did allow his anger to over power him there would be consequences. God's warning to Cain shows His care for His children. This care has been there from beginning to end Revelation 22:20-21 NKJV "He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." We can see the patience of God throughout scripture and we must be thankful for that.

While we do understand that we are not under the old law Colossians 2:13-14 NKJV "And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." we must never lose sight of the valuable teachings found in the Old Testament that still have application this very day.

Think about how much history, battles and victories are seen when we study the Old Testament. II Timothy 3:14-15 NKJV "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Do we realize what is being said by Paul here to Timothy? By taking the time to study and understand the Old Testament Timothy was able to be wise for salvation. What a missed opportunity when we neglect the scriptures that teach us how to be wise for salvation! Will you have an appreciation for the Old Testament and take the time to grow from sincere and an honesty study of the text?