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Week 10 – Worthy for His Word

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**Nine Reasons to Love the Old Testament:**

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament

*He quoted it in relation to Himself, history, marriage, family, prophecy, the resurrection, etc...*

*He affirmed its accuracy and authority extensively (Adam & Eve, Noah's flood, Jonah, the Exodus, manna, Lot, Sodom & Gomorrah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Solomon, Elijah, Elisha, "Abel to Zechariah," Daniel, Isaiah, fulfillment of prophecy, etc.)*

2. Paul said it was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:16)
3. It is fundamentally a \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus (Jn. 5:37-40; Luke 24:25-27)
4. Without the Old, we cannot fully \_\_\_\_\_ the New (Heb. 1:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:4-11)
5. The New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ extensively from the Old (855 direct quotes – Johnson, blueletterbible.org)
6. In the OT, we discover so many \_\_\_\_\_ of God
7. There are hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ substantiating Jesus as Messiah (350 specific Messianic prophecies fulfilled in Jesus – McDowell)
8. Living under grace cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ apart from the antithesis of living under the Law
9. We can now read the OT through a New Covenant \_\_\_\_\_

**Q: What if David Had Written PSALM 51 on THIS Side of the Cross?**

Psalms 51:1-19

## **SMALL GROUP Q'S:**

### **Personal Life:**

1. In your past, have you ever felt like the Old Testament was being used in an "abusive" way by someone in your life? Share your experience and thoughts about this with the group...

### **Ponderings:**

2. Of the "*Nine Reasons to Love the Old Testament*" presented in the weekend message, which one(s) are the most impactful or meaningful to you personally and why?
3. Being completely transparent, have you ever struggled to reconcile your perceptions of the Old Testament God with the Jesus of the New Testament? Did the weekend message help bring any clarity or insight to that dilemma? If so, share your thoughts with the group...
4. When seeking to understand the Bible, the most fundamental interpretive question to ask yourself is, "*On which side of Christ's cross was this written?*" Why is this so important? Or, if you disagree with that statement, please discuss why you see it differently...
5. Read Hebrews 9:15-17 as a group and discuss the following...
  - According to this passage a "will" (same Greek word as "covenant") is not put into effect until a death has occurred. Because this is true, when was the New Covenant actually first put into effect?
  - "Everything changes at the cross of Jesus Christ!" What does this statement mean for humanity?
  - The Old Covenant was ultimately a ministry of "death" and "condemnation" – whereas the New Covenant is one of "life" and "righteousness." Why was the former Covenant even necessary?

### **Promptings:**

6. The Psalms are beautiful, honest and tremendously helpful. Yet, we must remember the covenant under which they were written so that we can remember and rejoice in what we now have through the finished work of Christ on THIS side of His cross. In the coming week, make it your goal to read some Psalms through the New Covenant lens, asking the question, "*How would this have been written differently on THIS side of the cross?*" Psalms to experiment with could include Psalm 4, 6, 13, 38 and others... Then, go about your day rejoicing in what you have been given in Christ!