

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

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SERMON SERIES #4

GLAD THAT YOU ASKED

“How Does The Old Testament Apply to Me?”

LUKE 24:25-35; 44-45

As we continue our series on: **GLAD YOU ASKED** our question today is: “**HOW DOES THE OLD TESTAMENT APPLY TO ME?**” I want to suggest that without the Old Testament, Christianity would not have started and without God’s revelation reviving you, there will not be spiritual combustion in your life. For our main point today, I want to use this thought: **The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed; the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed.**

As we begin this morning, I want to call to your attention our scripture passage from **Luke 24**. In **verses 13-24** gives us the background of this event that has just taken place after the first Easter morning.

1. The Conversation Vs.13-24

2. The Explanation Vs. 25-27

Jesus then begins to explain the Bible to these men starting in the Old Testament with what the prophets has said (**Isaiah 53**) about the crucifixion then to Moses in the O.T.

3. The Invitation Vs. 28-31

4. The Results Vs. 32-35

They had a heart-warming experience **V-32**. And we can have the same result from knowing and following Jesus in the Bible which is the Word of the Living God.

I. WHY DOES THE OLD TESTAMENT MATTER?

Let’s consider why we must have a robust view of the Old Testament.

1. The Old Testament is an integral part of the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. The Old Testament reveals the attributes and actions of God. Deuteronomy 5:24

3. The Old Testament helps us see how God has chosen Israel to be a light to the nations. Psalm 147:19-20

4. The Old Testament lays the foundation for the teachings and the events found in the New Testament.

5. The entire Old Testament points to Christ. Again, we are reminded what Jesus said in **Luke 24:27**

6. The Old Testament was the Bible Jesus read, studied and memorized- Matthew 4:4

7. The Old Testament provides vivid examples of faithfulness and failures of real people. Read: 1 Corinthians 10:1-10.

8. The Old Testament gives us hope when we go through trials. Listen to Romans 15:4

9. The Old Testament helps us grow in our faith. Proverbs 15:32

10. The Old Testament challenges us to be concerned about matters of justice. We’re called to care for the little, the least and the lost. **Micah 6:8**

Let’s move now to the second question.

II. WHAT OLD TESTAMENT LAWS ARE TO BE FOLLOWED TODAY?

According to **Genesis 12:1-9**, God selected the nation of Israel to be His “special” people. They were therefore called to be holy – separate and distinct from the nations around them. There are three types of Old Testament laws that regulated almost every aspect of life in Old Testament times.

• **Civil Laws**

• **Ceremonial Laws**

• **Moral Laws**

The **civil** and **ceremonial laws** are no longer in effect because all these regulations pointed ahead to Jesus Christ and have been fulfilled by Him. We are still to follow the **MORAL law** of the **10 commandments**.

III. APPLICATION OF THE LAW

As you read and seek to apply the Old Testament, you may find these metaphors helpful.

• **Map • Muzzle • Mirror • Master • Mentor**

Jewish religious leaders taught there are **613 laws in the Old Testament**. Jesus teaches they can all be reduced to two commandments: Love God and Love Others. Listen to **Matthew 22:37-40**.

The 10 Commandments are important and are to be followed. However, no matter how hard you try to keep them you will inevitably fall short. The more you try to not covet, the stronger the temptation becomes to want more. The more you try to not lie, the more you find yourself exaggerating.

Some of you have not yet put your faith in Jesus for forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Maybe you’ve trying to follow all the rules and regulations or maybe you’ve given up trying. You may sense things aren’t quite right and maybe even you’re drawn to Jesus. But your goodness isn’t near good enough. When you try to get started all you’ll hear is “click.”