

How the O.T. Helps Us Today

Intro:

1. Consider how the O.T. is helpful to us today.

Body:

- I. The O.T. is a reliable and true history.
 - A. It gives the only early history of man and the universe.
 1. How our universe came into existence — Gen. 1:1ff.
 2. How man came into existence — Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:7.
 3. Why the earth is as it is today — Gen. 6-7.
 4. Where the nations and different races came from —
Gen. 10:32-11:1; Gen. 11:6-8.
- II. It provides opportunity for learning and admonition —
Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11cf.
 - A. Consider the three terms used here.
 1. Patience & comfort — Rom. 15:4.
 2. Admonition — 1 Cor. 10:11.
 - B. The O.T. helps us learn about God — Rom. 11:22.
 - C. The O.T. gives examples and illustrations that aid our study and our understanding.
- III. The O.T. is the background of the N.T. — Lk. 24:44.
 - A. Without the O.T., what sense would Matt. 12:40 make?
 - B. Jesus was high priest after the order of Melchizedek. But what significance would that have without the O.T.
 - C. How could we understand? — Heb. 7:12.
 - D. The O.T. contains prophecies pointing to Christ —
Jn. 5:39; Acts 3:22-24.
 - E. It is able to make us wise unto salvation — 2 Tim. 3:14-17.
 1. E.g., Acts 8:35-38.

Conc:

1. The O.T. is an extremely valuable tool for us.
2. To illustrate this, consider — Num. 21:4-9; Jn. 3:14-16.