

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal



Jordan

Sermons for the Lord's Day

A.M - Drifting Away
P.M. - Giving



Charles

Announcements Alisal Weekly

1. **Singing and Prayer this coming Wednesday** -be prepared men!
2. **Wednesday Invitation** - Jordan
3. **Think!** *How do you serve the Lord?*

What will your answer be?



We are praying for you!

Prayer List



1. **Don and Sheri Blackwell** - for successful recovery from their injuries.
2. **Rosemarie Johnson** - for less pain and better health.
3. **Norma Decker** - for better health and strength to be with us.
4. **Teresa Battle** - for comfort with the loss of her fiancé and other issues.
5. **Loyd Barry** - for finding other Christians to worship with in Elko, Nevada
6. **Bobby Glover** - for wisdom to teach the lost.
7. **Raymond and Virginia Elliott** - for good health and strength to continue teaching those in and outside the body of Christ. Raymond will be preaching at the Prattville congregation on this Sunday
8. **Those serving the Lord** - for physical and spiritual strength in their service.
9. **The church at Winslow Arizona** - for great success as a mission church to the Native Americans and other minorities in their area.

Lessons From The Old Testament

By Mike Riley

For many, the Old Testament is the “boring” part of the Bible. Their reasoning is that it contains little in the way of instruction for the Christian, certainly not like the more practical epistles in the New Testament. But in one of those epistles, the apostle Paul says, “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope” (Romans 15:4).

Thus, the Old Testament is filled with examples by which we might learn, both about how to serve God (and how not to), and about the character of God Himself. To neglect the Old Testament would be to rob ourselves of much of what we can know about the Creator and Sustainer of this world. For instance, one of the most maligned books in all of scripture is Leviticus. Perceived as boring because of its detailing of many of the laws by which the Israelites were governed, most people would be happy if it were simply skipped over in our studies. But doing so would deprive us of great lessons on the importance of serving God. There is the vital lesson on the authority of God’s “silence” in Leviticus 10 (the story of Nadab and Abihu). There are the details of the rituals involved in the sacrifices for sin, which point to the serious nature of sin in the eyes of God. Leviticus 20 teaches us of God’s displeasure with those who would commit spiritual adultery, particularly those who participated in the barbaric offering of their own children as sacrifices to the idol god Molech (Leviticus 20:1-5). But God is also displeased with other forms of irreligion, such as the practice of witchcraft and the attempts to contact the dead (Leviticus 20:6-8). God expected worship of Him alone, and He made serious provision for the punishment of those who would “play the harlot” with other gods. He will not tolerate such from us, either.

Those who would commit such spiritual adultery in the Old Testament would find that such worship was vain, because in time of true need, these gods could not help them (see the contest on Mt. Carmel between Elijah and the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40). In addition, the worship of other gods proved to be costly, for the punishment was death by stoning.

What is the cost of following other gods today (be they money, fame, lust, etc.)? While it is true that the followers of idolatry will not be stoned, they do not escape. Still, the gods of men cannot help in time of trouble. In fact, like the character of many men, these false gods are said to laugh at their followers problems. And the punishment for service to these gods is still death, albeit a spiritual one, for it is separation from God for eternity.

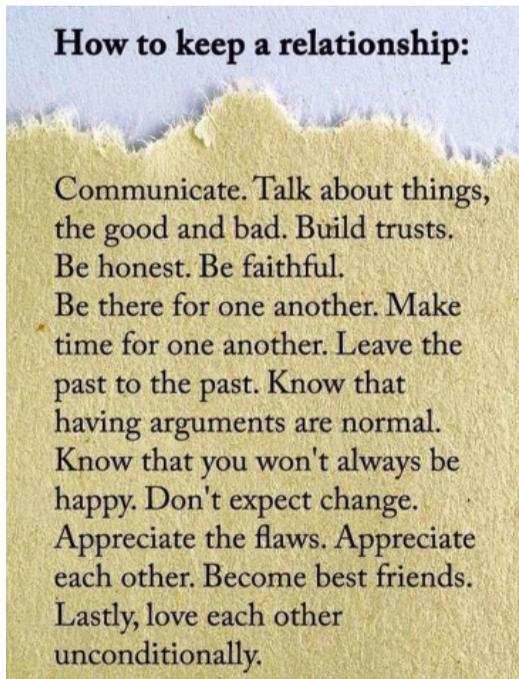
The Old Testament is filled with such important teachings, and we would be well served to pay better heed to the examples of old.

The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia your faith in God has become known everywhere. —

1 Thessalonians 1:8

Thought

What kind of reputation does your church have? What is your dream for the congregation you attend? So many of us have such short-sighted goals for our churches. The church at Thessalonica was only a few months old and its reputation for sharing their faith had become known all over the Roman Empire. Now that's the kind of reputation I want the congregation I work with to have! How about you?



Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ. —

Acts 28:31

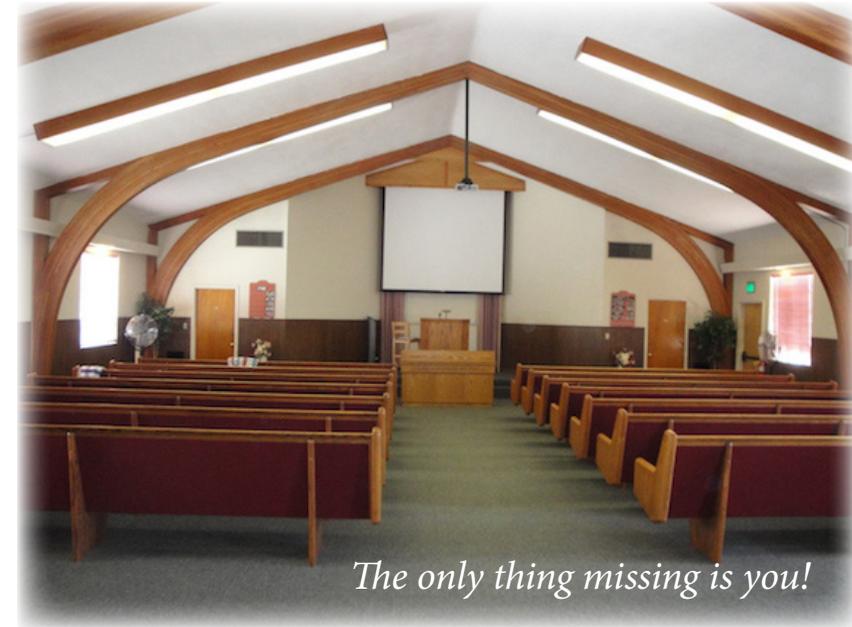
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So often, we give excuses why we can't do evangelism. Throughout his life, Paul shows us how lame our excuses really are! He is under house arrest and having to support himself, yet he still manages to get the Gospel out to the lost!

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Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Colossians 4:5-6



Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am Class - 10:00 am & 5:00 pm Worship

Wednesday Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:30 pm

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