

The Glorious Shadow of the Son of God in the Old Testament

Scripture Reading: *John 5:30-47*

- A. “*The Scriptures ... bear witness about me*” (*John 5:39*).
- B. Since God’s plan focuses on Christ and his glory (*Eph 1:3-14*), it is natural that the promises of God and the symbols in the Old Testament all point forward to him (*2 Cor. 1:20-22*).
- C. “*The Scriptures*” as a whole, through **promises, symbols and pictures of salvation**, look forward to the actual accomplishment of salvation that took place once-for-all in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (*Luke 24:25-27, 44-48*).

I. Old Testament bits and pieces that formed the glorious shadow

- A. The offspring of a woman would bruise the head of the serpent (*Genesis 3:15*)
- B. Through Abraham, all the families of the earth would be blessed (*Genesis 12:2-3*)
- C. An unblemished lamb offered for the “passing over” of God’s wrath (*Exo 12:5,13*)
- D. A high priest instituted to stand as mediator between God and men (*Leviticus 8-10*)
- E. A bronze serpent lifted up in the wilderness for the people to look to (*Numbers 21:8-9*)
- F. Moses promises that God will raise up a prophet (*Deuteronomy 18:15*)
- G. God promises David an heir whose throne will stand forever (*2 Samuel 7:12-14*)
- H. God’s holy one will not see the corruption of the grave (*Psalms 16:8-10*)
- I. God’s man will be forsaken, scorned, mocked and pierced (*Psalms 22*)
- J. As a sign from God, a virgin will conceive and bear a son called Immanuel (*Isaiah 7:14*)
- K. God will raise up for David a righteous Branch (*Jeremiah 23:5-6*)
- L. A son of man comes with the clouds to the Ancient of Days (*Daniel 7:13-14*)
- M. A great ruler-shepherd will be born in Bethlehem (*Micah 5:2-4*)
- N. The inhabitants of Jerusalem will look on him whom they have pierced (*Zechariah 12:10*)
- O. The shepherd of God will be struck and the sheep will be scattered (*Zechariah 13:7*)
- P. The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings (*Malachi 4:2-3*)

II. “The Scriptures ... bear witness about me”

- A. **Witness** — one who has seen something and can witness to what he has seen; a giver of firsthand evidence.
- B. “God said and did things in the Scriptures which, if we had understood them, would have given us a glimpse of Jesus and would have prepared us to recognize and receive him.”
- C. All of which leads to the asking of three fundamental questions:
 - 1. Do you **know** God? (*John 8:19*)
 - 2. Do you **honor** God? (*John 5:22-23*)
 - 3. Do you **love** God? (*John 5:42-43*)
- D. The test is Jesus!