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THE GENUINE'S LIFE EVIDENCES OUR LORD JESUS

The Genuine Must Discern God's Entire Word As He Intends

A Holy Spirit-guided/empowered way of life is promised in the New Covenant.



For the best spiritual benefit, please prayerfully discuss this Nugget with those with you on your faith pilgrimage.

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

No one likes to backtrack after you discover a crucial step you've overlooked. But going back and re-examining is exactly what we're encouraging you to do with God's Word, especially regarding the Older Testament. **If** you weren't taught the God-breathed truths within the Older Testament prior to your conversion, or **if** you haven't spent intentional time discovering its foundational importance to the Newer Testament, then we strongly urge you to do this. Why? Given the widespread diversity of anti-Semitic and competing theologies which plague Christianity today, what makes you think you are using God's Word or even being taught God's Word the way HE intended?



No matter what your Christian beliefs and practices have been, please give careful thought to this: How do your beliefs and practices align with the divine goals and purposes for the *genuinely* born again which are established in God's Word? Whether you were discipled using the Older Testament before your conversion, or you later discovered how foundational these truths are to your faith walk in Jesus as your Lord, our Father's goals and purposes for the *genuinely* born again in the Newer Testament are reinforced in the Hebrew Scriptures:

- ✓fulfilling our heavenly Father's purposes for His glory by His grace,
- ✓living in love-grounded obedient trust under the rule of our Lord Jesus,
- ✓living guided and empowered by His Spirit,
- ✓not holding onto any unconfessed sin (attitudinal or otherwise),
- ✓living as our Lord's loving redemptive ambassador to unbelievers in your relational sphere.

Honestly allow yourself to evaluate your spiritual condition in line with these biblical goals and purposes. And **if** you're *genuine* and are living with the trusting obedience that's comparable to our spiritual father, Abraham, then absolutely have confidence in our Lord Jesus when He affirms: *"Whoever trusts in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father"* (John 14:12). Because the Spirit of Christ lives within the *genuine*, our Lord cites some miraculous identifiers of those who trust that He'll work through them for His Father's glory:

"And these signs will accompany those who trust: in My Name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink anything deadly, by no means will it hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 16:17,18; see also John 15:16).

In these examples about those who trust and obey, our Lord was affirming the Older Testament pattern which His Jewish hearers knew well: that when God chooses someone for His purposes, He guides and empowers them and even provides miraculous intervention that enables them to succeed. For instance: ✓God gave Moses a staff to reveal His power, and sent 10 plagues on the Egyptians. ✓Through Moses God parted the Red Sea and gave Israel food from heaven and water from rocks in the desert for 40 years. ✓God gave Joshua specific guidance (*rhema*) to knock down the walls of Jericho. ✓To King David God gave specific guidance (*rhema*) to guide him in each battle. ✓In many instances, when God chose a person,

“the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him.” Those Jews who heard our Lord Jesus and the apostles describe the way of life of the *genuine* clearly understood their need for the Spirit’s guidance and empowerment.

(We found an internet article that may help you grasp the significance of the Older Testament as the Biblical backdrop for the Newer Testament. Use this to stir you to greater appreciation for the continuity of the two Testaments as Father intended: *A Table of Old Testament passages used in the New Testament*).

If you find that you can’t trust what our Lord said about the Spirit’s mighty work through the *genuine*, then you’ve been deceived by centuries of anti-Semitic theology and Nicolaitan clergy domination. These ‘learned men’ not only minimize the vital importance of the Older Testament in confirming God’s pattern for fulfilling His goals and purposes. They also eliminate the empowerment that’s provided by the spiritual gifts which the Holy Spirit apportions to the *genuine* so you can mutually cooperate in fulfilling divine purposes. Many falsely claim that these gifts ended with the apostles. And since these “theological influencers” don’t live according to God’s goals and purposes themselves, they have concocted systems of creedal beliefs and religious practices to retain passive pewsitters within any of their 45,000 disunited denominations or sects (see Jeremiah 2:13). In place of God’s pattern, they devised a religious life based on **“churchiness”** by exalting the clergy position and relegating the “laity” to attending services, Sunday school, and other spectator programs.

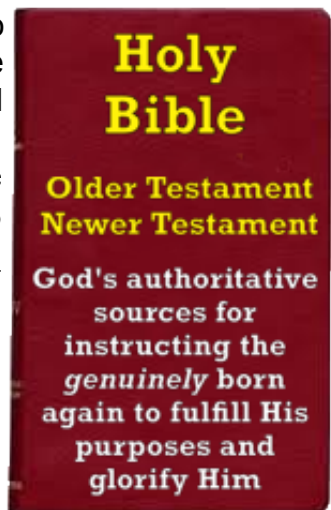
✳️ For today’s *genuine* to live in harmony with God’s goals and purposes, it’s vital that you understand the Older Testament in a way that’s no less than those people did who listened to Peter’s sermon on that Pentecost after our Lord ascended.

“When the day of Pentecost came...there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven” (Acts 2:1,5).

Fifty days after Passover, Jews from all around gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Weeks, known to us as Pentecost. This was a time of celebration for two reasons. They collectively gave thanks to God for the firstfruits of their grain harvest. And they recalled with awe when God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mt Sinai. Both of these causes for celebration which were drawn from the Hebrew Scriptures are significant for us today who love and serve Jesus as our Lord.

First let’s look at God calling out in power a particular people for Himself. Out of the fire on the mountain God revealed His awesome glory to the terrified Israelites and to the “*mixed multitude*” (Exodus 12:38) with them who stood below. Calling Moses up to His presence on the mountain top, He gave His prophet two tablets of stone on which He had written His commands.

Fast forward a millennium and a half. On Pentecost the disciples of Jesus had been waiting for the promised Holy Spirit Who Jesus had told them would come and baptize them (Acts 1:4,5). Suddenly, with the mighty sound of rushing wind, tongues as of fire rested upon each one as they were filled with Holy Spirit — the indwelling presence of God! But rather than being terrified as the Israelites had been at the awesome sight of God’s Presence, the disciples were changed from the inside out as the Spirit manifested Himself to and in them. By enabling them to speak in other languages, their proclamations of God’s wonders were understood by each person who’d gathered for the Feast from different lands — like the “mixed multitude” at Sinai.



And in fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophetic word, God's righteous commands were being written on their hearts by the Holy Spirit as God's New Covenant people (Jeremiah 31:33).

On Pentecost there's also a "firstfruits" grain parallel with the Older Testament celebration of the Feast of Weeks. In 1Corinthians 15:23 Jesus Himself is called the "firstfruits", and in Romans 8:29 He is the "firstborn" among many brothers. Jesus too spoke of Himself as the "bread of life" (John 6:35), and used unleavened bread to inaugurate the New Covenant at the Last Supper Passover meal.

Consider this *if* prior to your conversion you were taught the Older Testament, or afterwards you discovered how invaluable it is to your faith walk. Picture yourself as one of those attending that Pentecost in Acts 2 and hearing what Peter proclaims—it will have special meaning to you:

In verses 13-26 Peter reminds his listeners that they had killed the Author of Life — but that God had raised Him from the dead (v.15). The apostle goes on to tell how God fulfilled in Jesus what He had foretold through His Older Testament prophets: that the Messiah would suffer. The people's part therefore was to **repent and turn to God for forgiveness**. Peter reminded them that God would indeed send Jesus back at the appointed time and restore all things "*which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began*" (v.21).

Peter then offers another prophetic fulfillment by Jesus with which His Jewish hearers were very familiar: that God would raise up a Prophet like Moses. "*For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you'*" (v.22). From a Hebraic perspective, to "hear" means to "obey". And anyone who refused to hear "that Prophet"—Jesus—would be destroyed (v.23). Those who heard Jesus speak clearly understood the severe consequences if they ignored Him!

Again Peter addresses their spiritual heritage in the prophets of the Older Testament by specifically citing the Abrahamic covenant: "*You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your Seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you in turning away every one of you from your iniquities*" (vv.25,26). Did you catch the nature of this blessing through Abraham's Seed, Jesus? To turn each person away from their wicked ways! This is why the *genuine* live repentantly out of loving regard for their Lord Jesus.

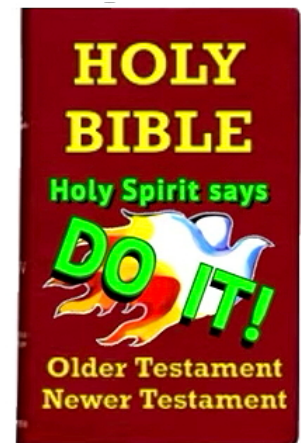
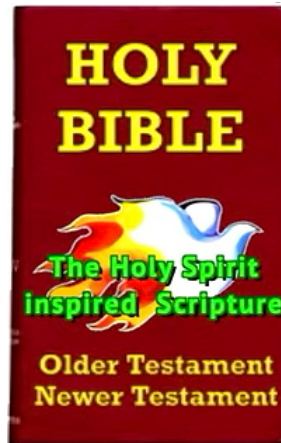
Together: "*Work out your [plural] salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God Who works in you [plural] to will and to act to fulfill His good pleasure*" (Philippians 2:12,13).

We want to remind you of the biblical mandate that those who belong to our Lord are called to live as His *doulos*, His beloved purchased slave/bondservant. It's as we yield individually and especially collectively with willing hearts as His own that we fulfill our Father's purposes: "*We know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and who are being called according to His purpose*" (Romans 8:28; see Genesis 18:19 for the collective "household" framework as His family). You may feel that you found God, when it actually was He Who chose you to fulfill His purposes. This biblical reality is made abundantly clear in the Older Testament's many examples of His choosing people and then guiding and empowering them to fulfill His purpose. Peter reaffirmed on that eagerly anticipated Pentecost that which the people who knew the Older Testament would have readily understood:

"Repent and be baptized each of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and for all who

are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.’ And with many other words he solemnly bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation’” (Acts 2:38-40).

The Holy Spirit was indeed very real in the Older Testament. (In our 2/28/2026 Nugget we emphasized this: *The Older Testament Is Bedrock For The Spirit-led*). And **if you** comprehend the Older Testament as God intended, you’d easily discern Peter’s explanation to the perplexed crowd — that this phenomenon of the Holy Spirit speaking forth through the disciples was fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32. God promised that He would pour out His Spirit and that His own would prophesy — deliver messages from the Spirit of God in which the wonders of God would be glorified.



Peter goes on to explain that Jesus had been attested by God through signs and wonders, and that God raised Him from the dead. His resurrection was proof that He was Lord and Messiah even though the Jews through the Roman soldiers had crucified Him. Peter’s emphasis on the resurrection took precedence over man’s action of crucifixion! Peter then cites that David prophesied that the Messiah would be raised from the dead and exalted at God’s right hand. Jesus had received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit. Cut to their hearts for having crucified Jesus, the Jews cried out, “*What shall we do?*” Peter answered with the necessary parameters which apply to each of us today who would be made right with God through the once for all sacrifice of Jesus: •Repent. •Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins. •Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. “*For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call*” Acts 2:39.

The Holy Spirit is the divine essential for the *genuine*! •He had been promised by God in the Hebrew Scriptures. •He was received by Jesus from His Father. •He was poured out during Pentecost upon those who trusted Jesus as Lord and Messiah. Our Father is currently restoring that which was lost, which our Lord affirms would be the way of life of His own. If you’re *genuine*, you have a divine anointing given you by the Holy Spirit to fulfill divine purposes. What a precious privilege! If you focus on this wonderful goal as you read the Older Testament, you’ll realize how often the Spirit was sent to guide and empower people to fulfill God’s purposes. It begins with you, your spouse, and those in your home fellowship family mutually cooperating through the spiritual gifts apportioned to the *genuine* to fulfill our Father’s purposes.

If you’re *genuinely* born again, then you will seek the truth no matter what it costs you. And **if** you’re *genuine*, you must be absolutely confident that you are able to hear the Holy Spirit’s ‘voice’ within you. Again, hearing the Holy Spirit can occur •as you pray, or •read your Bible, •or through such gifts as •prophecy, •exhortation, •wisdom, •knowledge.

The indwelling Holy Spirit is indispensable to you in belonging to our Lord Jesus (Romans 8:9). **He is also vital to you living under the Lordship of Jesus as your Head** (Colossians 2:19), **and as He uses the spiritual gifts that have been apportioned to you** (Romans 12:4-8; Hebrews 2:4; 1Peter 4:10,11). **These biblical realities are central to your affirmation of being genuinely born again and joyfully fulfilling the goals and purposes of belonging to our Lord Jesus.**