

Daily Devotional

Day Thirteen

(Understanding Types and Shadows)

The Bible is a picture book of Jesus. There are thousands of pictures of Jesus in the Bible. The Apostle Paul wrote that God's wisdom is past finding out. There are so many pictures (types and shadows) you can never search them all out. People, events, names, animals, numbers, and even Hebrew letters in the alphabet are types of Jesus and the church. For example the Apostle Paul said that Jesus is our Passover Lamb, he said Jesus was the rock that followed the Israelites in the wilderness. He compared Abraham's wife Sarah and her handmaiden Hagar to the Old and New Covenants. Jesus compared himself to the serpent on the pole that Moses lifted up in the wilderness. Even the first man Adam was a type of Jesus. Almost every New Testament Event has an Old Testament picture of it. All the Old Testament animal sacrifices are pictures of Jesus on the cross. When John the Baptist saw Jesus he said "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the whole world." If you understand the animal sacrifices you can understand how Jesus took away the sins of the whole world.

Colossians 2:16-17 So do not let anyone make rules for you about eating and drinking or about a religious feast, a New Moon Festival, or a Sabbath day. 17 These things were like a shadow of what was to come. But what is true and real has come and is found in Christ. NCV

In this passage we see the Jewish feasts, festivals and even the Sabbath day were only a shadow of what was to come. A shadow is not the real thing. Jesus is the real thing. He is the substance. These Old Testament shadows reveal wonderful truths that we as New Testament sons get to enjoy. Don't get caught up with the Old Testament events that were only shadows of Jesus.

Hebrews 8:5-6 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

The Tabernacle, the items in the Tabernacle, the materials that made the Tabernacle, the colors and even the numbers are all symbols pointing to Jesus and the finished work at the cross. The garments the High Priest and the priests wore are all pictures of Jesus our High Priest and us as priests unto our God. These pictures make it simple to see and understand the truths of the New Covenant.

Prayer

Father I thank you for painting me pictures of Jesus and his finished work at the cross. I ask you Father to open the eyes of my understanding to see Jesus in the types and shadows in your holy word. Father I desire to see Jesus in all his loveliness and to know him as he knows me.

Confession

I receive your wisdom Father to understand the types and shadows of Jesus hidden in the Bible. I have the mind of Christ. Jesus is made unto me wisdom and understanding. God's wisdom and understanding is opening my eyes to see Jesus and to understand who I am In Christ Jesus my Lord.