

Study 3: God Pursues Man (Old Testament)

The rest of the Bible is a story of God's rescue for man and the reestablishment of His kingdom in the Old Testament through Israel, and in the New Testament through local, visible communities living out His love for one another. This study will focus on God's pursuit of reestablishing His kingdom in the Old Testament. Use your table of contents in your Bible to find the different books.

A. God's Promises

Read Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-7, 18; and 17:1-8.

1. What were some of the covenant promises to Abraham?
2. What did Abraham have to do?
3. What was God's purpose in choosing Abraham and his offspring (the nation of Israel) to be His people? (12:3)

B. God's Plans

Read Exodus 2:23-3:12.

The rest of the Old Testament needs to be understood as God keeping his promises and further revealing His plan to gain for Himself a covenant people.

1. How did Israel respond to bondage?
2. Why did God respond to Israel?
3. What was His plan for Moses?
4. What did He desire from His people? (Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1)

C. God's Faithfulness

Read Psalm 106.

Psalm 106 recounts God's faithfulness to Israel throughout several events in Israel's history.

1. How did God provide for His people?
2. In what ways did God's people fail to live up to the covenant?
3. What did they do when they encountered problems due to their disobedience?
4. How did God respond to their repentance?

Conclusion

What has been your response to God seeking you?