

# Worship Preparation

The Lord's Day

February 28, 2010

## Ways to use this resource:

- Read it with your family on Saturday night.
- Use it as a personal devotion on Sunday morning.
- Print it out during the week, and put it in your Bible for reference over the weekend.

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## Sunday's Sermon Scripture

Prepare for the sermon,  
"A Precise Question:  
Whose Son is the Christ?"  
by studying Matthew  
22:41-46.

### Whose Son Is the Christ

<sup>41</sup>While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

<sup>42</sup>"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

<sup>43</sup>He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

<sup>44</sup>"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."

<sup>45</sup>If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"

<sup>46</sup>No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.



### Memory Verse

*"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he? 'The Son of David,' they replied."*

—Matthew 22:42

## Praying for our Leaders

In 1 Timothy 2:1-2 the apostle Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Spirit, "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." So let us pray in like manner for all our spiritual leaders,

in this case, especially those leading us during the worship service on Sunday:

### Preaching

Andrew Davis

### Leading Music

Eric Campbell, Worship Choir and Orchestra, Handbells

### Leading Prayer

Andrew Davis, Andy Winn, Eric Campbell, Eric Wills

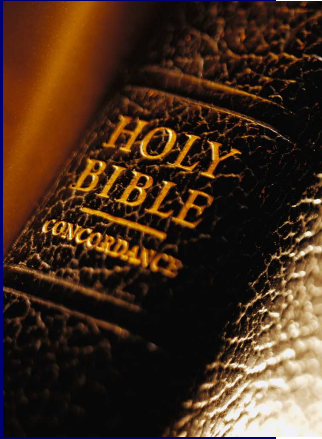
### Reading Scripture

James Matthews

### Translating

Herbert Rivera

# What is the Relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament?



*Consider the following quote from “We Would See Jesus as Seen in the Psalms” by F. Furman Kearley.*

On one occasion, a little boy was bored and kept urging his father to play with him. His father was interested in reading the newspaper and in order to entertain the boy for a while, took a page from the newspaper on which there was a map of the world, tore it into various pieces, and gave it to the boy, saying “Put the map together and by then I will be able to play with you.” However, in just a very few minutes the boy was back and had taped together every piece of the map in the proper manner. The father was astonished and asked, “Son, how could you do that so fast?” The boy said, “It was easy, father, because there was a picture of a man on the back side of the map. All I did was piece together the picture of the man.”

*“What else is the law but the gospel foreshowed? What other the gospel, than the law fulfilled?”  
-Justin Martyr*

This illustration can help us understand the relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Looking at the Old Testament is like looking at the map. It is somewhat mysterious and difficult to understand the intended meaning of all the Old Testament prophecies. However, when we look at the New Testament and at the man, Jesus Christ, we can put meaning to the prophecies of the Old Testament. In truth, the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.



This is affirmed in the account of Philip and the Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40). The Eunuch was reading from the prophet Isaiah and Philip said, “Do you understand what you read?” The Eunuch replied, “How can I, except someone shall guide me?” Philip began from Isaiah 53 and preached unto him Christ.

In Ephesians 3:2-5, Paul affirmed this principle by noting that God’s plan of redemption—His mystery—had been hidden for ages and had not been made known to the common people. However, by revelation God had made known to Paul the mystery. Paul, then, had written this revelation. When we read Paul’s interpretation of the mystery based on his revelation, we can understand God’s long-concealed plan, for it now has been revealed. The New Testament, then, is the full revelation of God’s plan or mystery, and by reading it we can understand all of God’s plan, including that contained in the Old Testament. We then can say, with Justin Martyr, “What else is the law but the gospel foreshowed? What other the gospel, than the law fulfilled?”

### **Concerning last week’s quote from Luther’s Short Catechism:**

Some of you asked about Martin Luther’s ordering of the Decalogue, so I spoke to our own Dr. Finn to get the background. Here is what he said:

“Luther followed the Catholic ordering of the Ten Commandments, which is different from that used by most Protestants. Our commandment 1 and 2 are combined, and the commandment on coveting is divided. They still embrace the whole Decalogue, but they divide up the individual commands differently. I’m not sure when this began, but it dates back to at least the Middle Ages.”