

OT Survey I

Session Three: Overview

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I. WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW THE OT?

1. To understand the _____
2. To understand our individual _____
3. To understand our community _____
4. To understand our _____, _____, and _____ in God's program
5. To understand what God has revealed _____

II. HOW SHOULD THIS CHANGE US?

1. Motivate us to _____
2. Make us _____
3. Give us direction as we _____
4. Fill us with _____ and _____
5. _____ us into the people God designed us to be

III. THE DOCTRINE OF INSPIRATION

Men wrote as they were moved by God 2 Peter 1:21: For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Also, Scripture is "God-breathed," not "God dictated." 2 Tim 3:15

The implication: Revelation (i.e. the Bible) is divinely-guided and authoritative because of its origin; but because it is written by humans to human audiences, it reflects human methods and styles of communication:

- it includes many genres
- it spoke to the people of the day in forms that they understood and with we may be less familiar; there may well be some "slippage" in communication
- however, because it is linked more by covenant and faith than by history and culture, it also speaks clearly to us today

IV. OVERVIEW: GENESIS TO REVELATION



V. APPLICATION QUESTION: IF THIS IS WHAT GOD IS DOING, ACCORDING TO REVELATION, WHAT ARE GOD'S PURPOSES IN ALL THIS?

What are your purposes in life? What do you want more than anything else in the world? (Ask yourself, what do you make bad decisions to get?)

Can you reconcile your purposes with God's purposes? How?