

“Same God: God's heart to pursue the lost in the OT and NT”

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“God's grace is freely available, but in order to receive it you have to realize you are lost without it.”

– David Jeremiah

I. God had a heart for the lost in the OT!

A.) God's promise to reach the Lost!

"32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live." -- Ezekiel 18:32

"11 Say to them, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?"-- Ezekiel 33:11

Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?. –Ezekiel 33:11

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds, we are healed. – Isaiah 53:5

¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.—Jeremiah 29:13

B. Examples of God's Grace in the OT

Adam and Eve- (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 3:8)
Noah- (Noah Preached Repentance for 100 years)
Abraham (Genesis 12)
Jacob- (Genesis 32:22-32)
Elijah- (1 Kings 19:11-13)
Moses (Exodus 3)
Egyptians (Exodus 1-15)
The Sailors (Jonah 1:16)
Ninevites (Jonah 3)
Jonah (Jonah 4)
Rahab (Joshua 2)

II. God's heart for the Lost in the NT!!

"10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." – Luke 19:10

A.) God gave up that which was most precious to Him for us!

"32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all— how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" -- Romans 8:32

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.— John 3:16

B.) Jesus would leave everything to pursue us!

John 15:1-7

III. God still has a heart for the lost today!

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." – 2 Peter 3:9

1 Peter 1:13–21

¹⁹ *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

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²⁰ *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20

Closing Questions!

- 1.) God does not change as we do. He will not fail us, because He is perfect and Word is faithful and true!
- 2.) Do you believe that Jesus calls us to reach out to the lost?
- 3.) Are you actively pursuing those that Jesus came to die for?
- 4.) Who are the people that God is calling you to share with?