

YOU'VE GOT HELP
(The Ministry of the Holy Spirit)
Part 2: Old Testament Perspective

HOW WE APPROACH BIBLICAL TOPICS DETERMINES TO WHAT EXTENT WE RECEIVE HELP AND INSIGHT

A. A group of people who rejected Jesus (*Luke 9:51-56 NKJV*)

1. The tradition of the Samaritans caused them to reject Jesus
2. Jesus did not punish them, rebuke them or stay with them

B. Another group with the same traditional prejudices moved beyond tradition (*John 4:39-42 NKJV*)

1. They were open to Jesus because of His interaction with one of their ladies
2. They invited Him to stay with them and He did
3. These Samaritans actually received insight as to who Jesus was that many Jews missed (*Mark 4:9 NKJV*)

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. Active in creation

1. Helps us understand how the creation story could be written - He was there

B. He was the empowering force behind the Old Testament “heroes”

1. David was empowered before facing Goliath (*1 Samuel 16:13 NKJV*)
2. Gideon progressed from hiding from the neighbors to leading a nation into battle
3. Samson was able to do supernatural feats of strength (*Judges 14:6 NKJV*)

C. He still empowers people today (*Acts 1:8 NKJV*)

1. He equips us to face giants, move out of fear and exhibit amazing strength

D. The Holy Spirit was spoken about by the Old Testament prophets

1. Isaiah described His characteristics (*Isaiah 11:2 NKJV*)
2. Ezekiel spoke of a coming day, which is now, the time frame we are living (*Ezekiel 36:26-27 NKJV*)
3. Joel spoke of the coming day and the Holy Spirit's outpouring (*Joel 2:28-29 NKJV*)