




New Ideas

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT



As an individual, each one of us is a product of the history of the providence of restoration. Hence, the person who is to accomplish the purpose of history is none other than I, myself... To become such an historical victor, I must understand clearly the Heart of God when He worked with past prophets and saints, the original purpose for which God called them, and the details of the providential missions which He entrusted to them.

...The path which all past saints walked as they strove to fulfill God's providential Will is the very path we must walk again today.... Herein lies the reason why we must study the Principle of Restoration in detail.

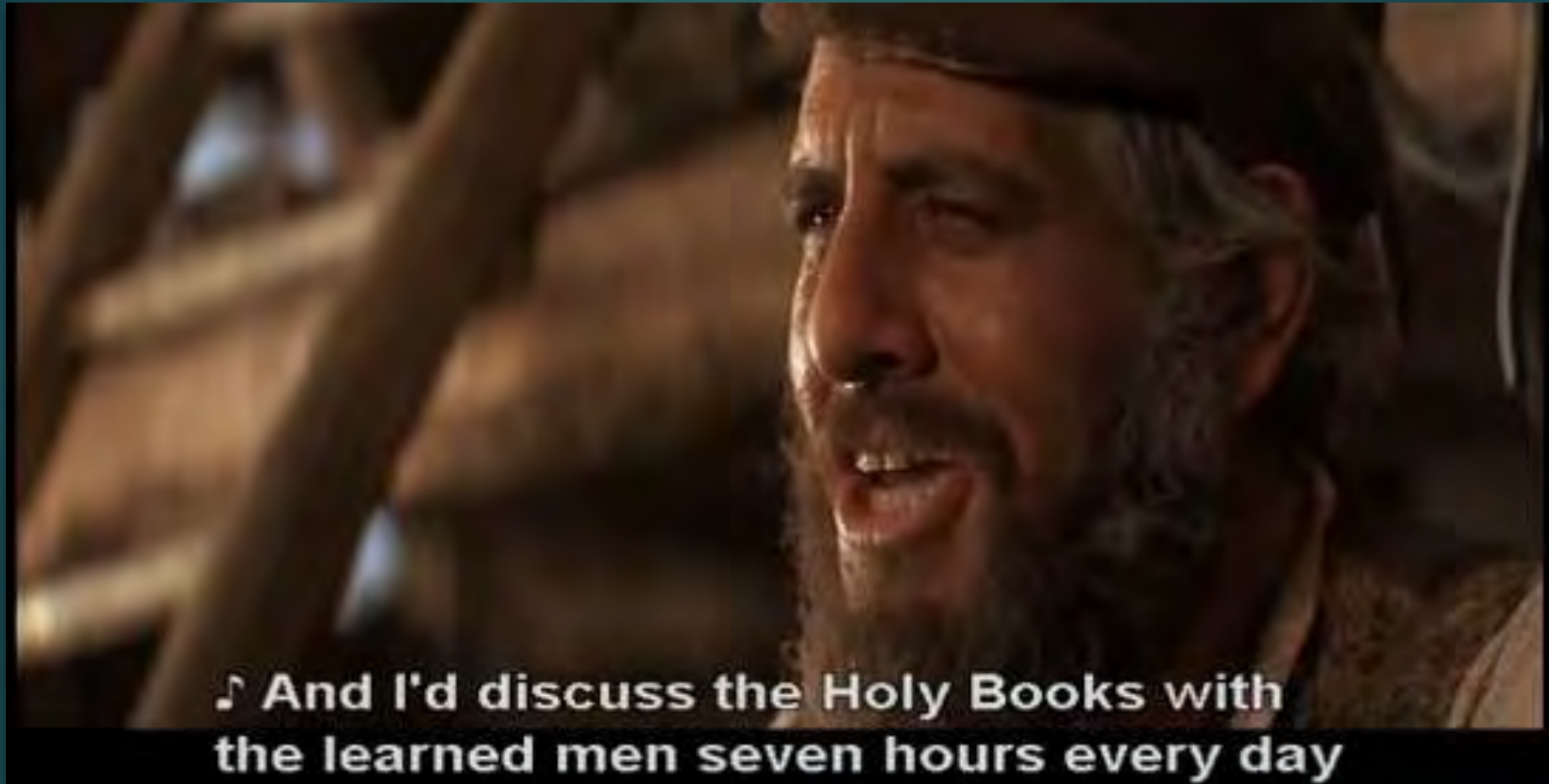
- Divine Principle: “The Providence of Restoration and I”

Introduction to Restoration - <http://www.tparents.org/Library/Unification/Books/Dp96/dp96-2-0.htm>



‘When I looked at
Father's Bible, there
were many lines and
sentences in black and
red and also many blots
from tears Father shed.’

– Won Pil Kim



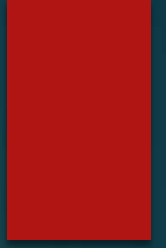
..and that would be the sweetest thing of all

Tev'ye: "If I Were A Rich Man" – from Fiddler on the Roof

Why I'm Interested in the Bible

- Background
- A Thirst for truth
- Seminary and “drink deeply of the fountain”
- After the seminary

Testimonies





New Ideas from The Old Testament

- Is the God of the OTA the same as the God of the NTA and the God of the CTA?
- The continuity of scripture and revelation

Love God and Love your Neighbor

▶ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”

– Dt. 6:4-5

▶ You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

-- Lev. 19:18

God Desires Mercy not Sacrifice



I desired mercy and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings. But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me.

--Hosea 6:6-7

‘The sins of the fathers... ‘

I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me.

-- Deut. 5:9

The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them.

-- Ezekiel 18:20

Even in the OTA, God liked 'Exchange Marriages'



Abraham & Hagar



Judah & Tamar



Joseph & Asenath

In the OTA, sometimes God liked 'Exchange Marriages'

Moses & Zipporah



Boaz & Ruth



Solomon and the
Daughter of Pharaoh



God Blessed the Northern Kingdom



Then Ahijah took hold of the new garment that *he* wore, and tore it *into* twelve pieces. And he said to Jeroboam, Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD “You shall reign over all that your soul desires, and you shall be king over Israel. And if you will hearken to all that I command you... as David my servant did, I will be with you, and will build you an enduring house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.”

-- 2 Kings 11:31-39

Alternative Messianic Lineages?

Judah (David)

Judah's relationship with Tamar, and her giving birth to Peres and Zerah, who reversed the position of Cain and Abel while still in the womb.

Benjamin (Saul)

Rachel's sacrifice of her life to him birth. His own symbolic death and rebirth under Joseph in Egypt. [The story of Hannah?]

Joseph (Jerobo'm)

Joseph's being sold into slavery, his marriage to the high priest's daughter, and his course of restoring himself to the position of a ruler.

David's Three Main Wives



Michal

Belonged to Saul. Saved David's life. Given to Paltiel. Later restored to David.



Abigail

Saved David from sin when he planned to murder her husband. Became David's wife. Kidnapped by Amalekites and restored.



Bathsheba

First son died soon after birth. Her second son Solomon was blessed by the prophet Nathan and later became king through Bathsheba's influence.



The Prophet who failed to love Israel's enemy

When God saw how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish."

But the LORD said: "Should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

The Psalms

'Sing joyfully to the Lord, O you righteous

' It is fitting for the upright to praise him.

'Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

'Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.'





Conclusion...

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