The Old Testament Shadow vs. New Testament Reality
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Scriptures:

- Hebrews 10:1
- Hebrews 10:1, *NLT*
- Hebrews 10:1, *Mirror*
- Luke 16:16
- Romans 15:4
- Romans 15:4, *NLT*
- John 5:39, 40, 46, 47
- 5:39, 40 MSG
- John 5:39, 40, *Mirror*
- 1 Peter 1:19, *ESV*
- Hebrews 10:10-12, 26
- Hebrews 9:28, *NLT*
- Exodus 12:15, *ESV*
- Exodus 16:4
- John 6:35
- Colossians 2:16, 17
- Exodus 20:8-11
- Matthew 11:28-30, *NLT*
- Matthew 11:28-30, *MSG*
- Hebrews 4:9, 10
- Hebrews 4:9, *Mirror*

Summary:
As believers, we stand in the light of God's grace because we recognize that everything in the Old Testament simply points us toward the fullness of Jesus, who we now experience. Those ancient shadows—whether the law, the prophets, the sacrifices, or the ceremonies—whisper about the one who brings complete freedom and perfect cleansing. A walk through the Scriptures reveals that God isn't calling us to live in those shadows but is inviting us into the vibrant, living relationship that only Christ can give. Jesus is our Passover Lamb, our High Priest, our Bread of Life, and our true Sabbath rest, and we receive the finished works He accomplished once and for all. Studying the Bible is meant to lead us to Him, not to dry rituals or religious performance. Although the Old Testament unveils Jesus in concealed form, the New Testament allows us to know Him personally, intimately, and powerfully. We can now walk in the reality of His presence and His victory, rather than lingering in anything that only hinted at His glory.

Notes:

1. The Bible doesn't contradict itself. The entire Old Testament is a foreshadowing of Jesus.
2. The Old Testament was written for our learning, but not for our everyday living.
3. God wants a personal relationship with us. We develop that relationship by studying His Word.
4. There's no "magic" in dry Scriptures lifted from a page; abundant life comes from a relationship with Jesus, not from studying words in a book.
5. The old covenant consisted of shadows of Jesus, the shadow caster. He's now our reality.

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