

The Old-Testament Shadow vs. New-Testament Reality

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Scriptures:

- Mark 12:41-44, *MSG*
- Proverbs 11:25, *NLT*
- Hebrews 10:1, 10-12
- Hebrews 10:1, *NLT*
- Hebrews 10:1, *Mirror*
- Luke 16:16
- John 5:39, 40, 46, 47
- John 5:39, 40, 46, 47, *MSG*
- John 5:39, 40, 46, 47, *Mirror*
- Romans 15:4
- Romans 15:4, *NLT*
- Exodus 12:5
- 1 Peter 1:19
- Leviticus 16:30
- Hebrews 9:28, *NLT*
- Exodus 16:4
- John 6:35
- Colossians 2:16, 17
- Matthew 11:28-10, *NLT*
- Matthew 11:28-10, *MSG*

Summary:

It's important that we understand the difference between Old-Testament shadows and New-Testament realities, because these shadows point to Jesus Christ. This is highlighted in the story of the widow's offering; the lesson here illustrates that true generosity comes from the heart and isn't about the amount given, but the spirit in which it's given. Generosity leads to prosperity in all areas of life, not just in the financial realm. Jesus was the fulfillment of Old-Testament symbols, such as the Passover lamb and the Sabbath rest. The Old Testament was simply a sketch of what was to come, with Jesus being the ultimate reality. With this in mind, believers must focus on a personal relationship with Him instead of just adhering to religious rituals. A deeper understanding of grace and the finished work of Christ lets us rest in the wholeness and peace that Jesus provides.

Notes:

1. Generous giving comes from the heart. The whole Old Testament points to Jesus.
2. Generosity leads to prosperity, which encompasses more than just financial gain.
3. The law and the prophets served as a guide until the coming of Jesus, who fulfilled their purpose.
4. The New Testament emphasizes knowing Jesus personally over merely knowing Scripture; He's the source of eternal life.

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