

## **Teaching and Preaching Christ From the Old Testament**

Spurgeon borrowed the following words to describe the relationship between Christ and Scripture: "From every text in Scripture, there is a road to the metropolis of the Scriptures, that is Christ... I have never yet found a text that had not got a road to Christ in it." Springboarding from these words, we will consider the Biblical basis for connecting the Old Testament to Christ and learn how to do it faithfully.

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"Don't you know young man that from every town, and every village, and every little hamlet in England, wherever it may be, there is a road to London? . . . So from every text in Scripture, there is a road to the metropolis of Scripture, that is Christ. . . . I have never yet found a text that had not got a road to Christ in it, and if I ever do find one that has not a road to Christ in it, I will make one; I will go over the hedge and ditch but I would get at my Master, for the sermon cannot do any good unless there is a savour of Christ in it."

Charles H. Spurgeon

### **I. Reasons to connect the Old Testament to Christ**

- A. To follow Christ and the Apostles
  
- B. To escape moralism
  
- C. To encounter Christ

### **II. Ditches to avoid in the journey from the Old Testament to Christ**

- A. Hermeneutical ditch

B. Theological ditch

C. Pastoral ditch

1. The balance of Scripture

2. The needs of the people

### **III. Roads from the Old Testament to Christ**

A. Promise-fulfilment

B. Typology

C. Biblical trajectories

D. Contrast

E. New Testament guidance

#### ***Suggested Readings:***

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