

Old Testament Grace (01)

Request: “Would you do a study on OT Grace? There seems to be much discussion on the OT Law, but little on God’s Grace.”

While there isn’t the theological discussion of Grace like in the NT, there is a great deal of examples of God’s Grace operating in the lives of OT believers.

Let’s begin by defining God’s Grace so that we can recognize it in OT passages.

“Grace proceeds entirely from within God and is no way conditioned by anything in the object of His favor.”
(I.S.B.E., vol.2. pg.1290)

(1 Cor.15:10) “By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace towards me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I. but the grace of God with me.” (John 1:16-17)

- The Hebrew word for God’s Grace or favor is chen. It is used for the first time in (Gen.6:8).
- The Greek word is charis.

We will study the following six categories of God’s OT GRACE

Saving grace

[Abraham]

(Gal.3:6-9, 25-29)

(Gen.12:1-3)

(1 Cor.15:3-4)

(Acts 3:24-26)

(Rom.4:1-4, 14-16)

(Titus 2:11)

Logistical grace

[Exodus generation]

(Ex.16:1, 12-13, 35)

(Deut.29:5-6)

(Matt.6:25b)

(Phil.4:19)

(2 Tim.2:13)

(Heb.3:16-19)

(John 6:29-35, 47-51)

Maturing grace

[Joseph]

(Gen.37:1-10, 18-20)

(Gen.39:2, 20-22)

(Gen.40:14-15)

(Gen.45:4-7)

(2 Pet.3:18)

(Acts 20:32)

(Eph.4:32)

Undeserved suffering grace

[Job]

(Job 1:8; 2:3)

(James 5:8-11)

(Phil.1:29-30)

(1 Pet.5:10-11)

(2 Cor.12:9-10)

Dying grace

[Samson]

(Judges 16:23-30)

(Heb.11:1, 32)

(2 Tim.4:6-8)

(Phil.1:20-21)

(2 Pet.1:11-14)

Surpassing grace

[Samuel]

(1 Sam.28:16-21)

(1 Sam.31:2-5)

(Heb.11:32)

(Luke 16:22-31)

(1 Pet.1:13-15)

(Eph.2:4-7)

Thieme: “Saving grace is the best for time; dying grace is better; and surpassing grace is better than the best.”