

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

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How to Walk With God - Matthew 5

“Noah Walked with God?”

Description – What does it mean to be “Blessed” in your life by God? Join us today as we look at this and see some examples from scripture.

We started off last time talking about some of the background information on the Sermon on the Mount, but we left off talking about the word “blessed.”

Jesus is interpreting the law in a way that makes it clear for people on how to live and prosper.

Blessed could also be interpreted as “Happy” but even that isn’t an exact translation of the Hebrew word.

A great way to think of the Beatitudes is, “Attitudes to be in”

Most often Jesus is getting his teachings from the Old Testament.

Dr. England, Pastor Robby’s Hebrew professor at NOBTS taught this:

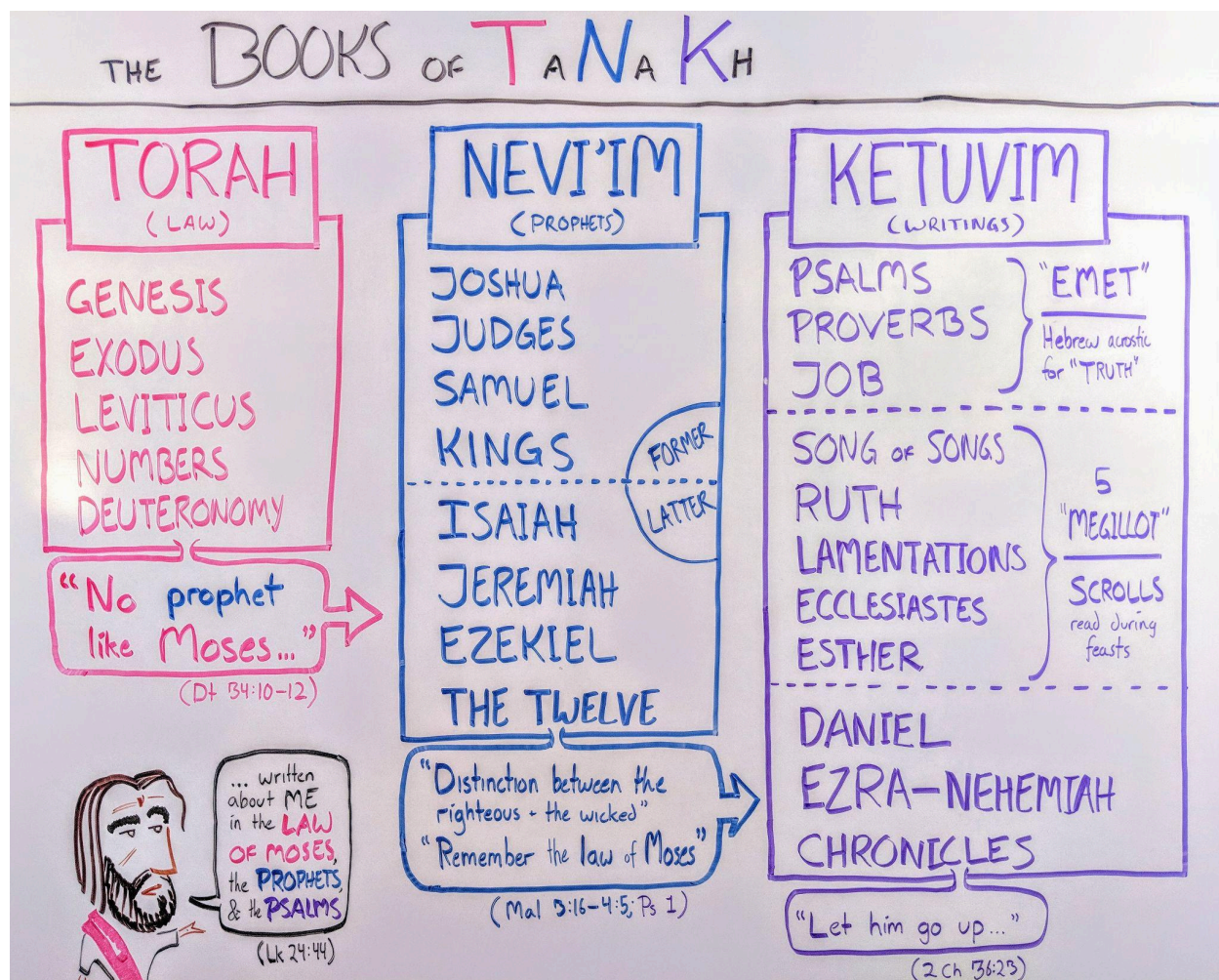
Old Testament bible was not called the OT. It was called the Tanak, the Hebrew Bible.

TaNaKh: The Hebrew Bible is divided this way. Tanakh is a transliterated word, where the A’s are supplied.

Torah - The Law or The Word of God - First 5 books of the Bible

Nevi’im - The Prophets

Ketuv’im - The Writings



The Prophets actually start with Joshua. And the final, the writings start with Psalms.

Notice how God starts each of these sections of scripture.

Joshua 1:7-8

⁷ Above all, be strong and very courageous to observe carefully the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go. ⁸ This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.

So before you do anything, before you conquer the land, before you build a house, you need to be doing these things. What things? Meditating on God's Law / God's Word day and night.

To be blessed by God, Joshua needs to meditate on God's word. If you follow these words day and night, you'll be in a position where God can show you blessings and favor.

The word of God is shaping your mind, it's shaping how you live, how you interact with people, and the relationships you have with others.

Psalm 1:1-4

¹ How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers! ² Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. ⁴ The wicked are not like this; instead, they are like chaff that the wind blows away.

There's a correlation between walking after Jesus and being blessed / happy / fulfilled through Him.

Walking is a motif of Jesus. What does he say to the disciples when he calls them? "Come, Follow (after) me..."

God walks with Adam & Eve in the Garden in the cool of the day.

Enoch walked with God (Genesis 5), Noah walked with God (Genesis 6), and Moses and the people of Israel walked with God.

Micah 6:8

⁸ Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the LORD requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Deuteronomy 5:33

³³ Follow the whole instruction the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live, prosper, and have a long life in the land you will possess.

2 Kings 22:1-2

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. ² He did what was right in the LORD's sight and walked in all the ways of his ancestor David; he did not turn to the right or the left.

2 Chronicles 34:1-2

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Early on in Christianity, they referred to themselves not as Christians, that was a derogatory term given to them, “little christs.” They called themselves “the way”

Acts 9:2

² and requested letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

Acts 19:9

⁹ But when some became hardened and would not believe, slandering the Way in front of the crowd, he withdrew from them, taking the disciples, and conducted discussions every day in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

Acts 24:14

¹⁴ But I admit this to you: I worship the God of my ancestors according to the Way, which they call a sect, believing everything that is in accordance with the law and written in the prophets.

Acts 24:22

²² Since Felix was well informed about the Way, he adjourned the hearing, saying, “When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case.”

Homework for next time:

Read Psalm 1 and draw three pictures.