

They Who are Dead Still Speak

Abel's death still tells us how to present righteous gifts to God through faith. It also tells us how anger, if left unchecked, can lead to sin.

Enoch still shows us that if we walk in faith and holiness we will be taken up to meet Jesus one day. It also shows us that God is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Noah still shows us that even if we are alone, we will still serve God. The day of the Lord is coming. We will prepare for it.

Abraham's example still shows us that God is faithful and will not ask us to do anything out of our scope. God will always provide another sacrifice if we will just trust in Him.

Sarah still speaks to us telling us that God can do the impossible. Sometimes God can bring life out of a place that is long since dead.

Isaac still shows us how to bless our children; even when they do wrong.

Joseph still shows us how to have faith in God when in a pit, a jail, and in a far away land. God never leaves us.

Moses still shows us how to live counter to the culture around us and empathize with the plight of His people. He shows us how to lead those people out of the world and to the mountain of God.

Joshua still shows us that God can topple the biggest city wall. He still points to Jesus who can fully give us rest.

Rahab still tells us that God can use unexpected people to accomplish his work. Rahab would have been talked about in the beatitudes.

Gideon still gives an example of how a few men can overcome an overwhelming army.

David still shows how to be a man after God's own heart. It is difficult to be a leader and follow God; but it is possible.

Solomon still tells us about how God can grant wisdom; but beware of the worldly influence.

God is still speaking through many in the Old Testament. They all are pointing to Jesus. They are also giving an example for us to see and to understand God better. I believe that these examples still exist in the New Testament too. Who are some people in the New Testament we would model ourselves after? The twelve apostles, Paul, Timothy, Silas, Barnabas, Aquilla and Priscilla? I wonder if there are even people that we personally know or knew who are still speaking the message of God to us.

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