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Throughout the Old Testament, the will and work of God was accomplished mainly through individuals, born in due time and called with purpose. These men and women of God represented God's voice to a lost and hurting people who could not hear from God for themselves. Therefore each time a job needed doing, a child was born. Such was the case with Moses, Samson, Esther, and Jesus.

The Old Testament covers approximately 4000 years of history through scores of generations with one purpose ... to take God's creation from the Garden of Eden to Messiah. The New Testament covers only one generation in its span of time of ministry. Its purpose is to equip every believer to reach their world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every generation. This is done through the ministry of the church. In the Old Testament, when God wanted a job done, a child was born. In the New Testament, when God wanted a job done, a church was born. Get involved in the church.

Prayer for Today

Father, I pray for the church and for my place in Your Kingdom work. Set me into the body of believers as it pleases You and join me together with others to serve Your cause in this generation. Amen.

Scriptures for Today

Ephesians 4:11-16 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (NKJV)