

## CHRIST FORESHADOWED

*All these things are no more than foreshadowings; the reality belongs to Christ.  
(Colossians 2:17 Phillips)*

In his letter to the Phillippians the Apostle Paul shared a poem that he said can teach us how to think:

Let Christ himself be your example as to what your attitude should be.  
For he, who had always been God by nature,  
did not cling to his prerogatives as God's equal,  
but stripped himself of all privilege by consenting to be a slave by nature and  
being born as mortal man.  
And, having become man,  
he humbled himself by living a life of utter obedience,  
even to the extent of dying,  
and the death he died was the death of a common criminal.  
That is why God has now lifted him so high,  
and has given him the name beyond all names,  
so that at the name of Jesus "every knee shall bow",  
whether in Heaven or earth or under the earth.  
And that is why, in the end,  
"every tongue shall confess" that Jesus Christ is the Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11 J.B. Phillips)

Christ's life was repeatedly foreshadowed in the Old Testament (also known as the Hebrew scriptures.) These reflections go through the whole Old Testament looking for that imagery. Each entry begins with reference to a chapter and a related New Testament text, presents a work of art, explains a connection to Christ, and ends with a personal application.