

TYOLOGY

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There are Christians who say, for example, that David is a type of Christ as was Abraham, Moses, Jonah and Solomon. This is their stance on typology and I suggest it is wrong because what it is saying or could imply is that these Old Testament characters are alike to Christ, being similar to the Lord Jesus and that they are the same type. I find this to be blasphemous.

Typology is the comparison of the same types. But, in theology, it is said that some of the characters of the Old Testament are foreshadows of Christ in the New Testament. This doctrine is very popular in Calvinism.

Foreshadowing may be an acceptable device. Jonah being swallowed by the great fish and in its belly for three days foreshadows the death and resurrection of Christ but Jonah is not a type of Christ. Jonah was a coward fleeing from God and would rather die than obey God. You cannot say this of Christ. He was obedient even unto death, the death of the Cross.

Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son Isaac. This foreshadows God willing to sacrifice His only son, but Isaac is not a type of Christ. Isaac was sinful and yet we read of Christ, "In Him was no sin".

Moses's war with the Amalekites was successful as long as he held up his hands. This is said to be a foreshadowing of Christ holding up His Hands on the Cross to win the war against sin and death. But Moses is not a type of Christ. Despite his achievements he was disobedient to God and sometimes a rebel. Whereas the Lord Jesus said, "Lo, I have come to do Thy Will, O my God".

There is also the account of Moses making a brass serpent and putting it on a pole before Israel. This is said to a foreshadowing of the Lord upon the Cross. Yes, I can see the comparison... but the Lord as a serpent, a picture of the Devil? Perhaps it is the picture of the Devil being vanquished.

David is a type of Christ. Really? David was an adulterer, a murderer and often indiscreet. A type of Christ? Similar to the Christ? The same type as Christ? David similar to Christ? Never!

In many ways David was a hero and he is in the hall of fame of Hebrews 11, but the same type as the Christ?

This highlights the dangers of comparing Christ with others!

The Bible asks the rhetorical question, "Who can compare with the Christ?"

To compare anyone with Christ is ridiculous and I suggest blasphemous.

The worst comparison is when some compare Solomon to Christ. Solomon was evil (1 Kings 11). He married many strange women, that is to say pagan women, and built temples to their gods. One such temple was opposite to the Temple to the Lord God. The teaching that, in the Song of Solomon, Solomon is a type of Christ is grossly offensive and untrue. If there is a type of Christ in this Canticle it is the Shepherd calling the women whom He loves to come away from Solomon the king who is trying to get her drunk with wine for lustful purposes. Solomon was a womaniser and a picture of the Devil.

The Lord Jesus condemned Solomon when He said, "Consider the lilies of the field. They toil not nor do they spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed (beautiful) as one of these".

The Lord Jesus is incomparable. Who can compare with Him? Who is like Him?

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