Vision In Worship: The Relation Of Prophecy And Liturgy In The Old Testament

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Contained within Old Testament narratives of personal relationships with God are valuable lessons that can shape our own responses to God and to the gift of faith. But, as Nicholas King SJ warns us, ‘Old Testament faith is no easy matter.’ The second regular misapprehension is that the God of the Old Testament is an angry and violent deity, whom no rational being could possibly worship. Those who maintain this error have not troubled to sit down and read through the Old Testament (admittedly it is a bit long, and in places far from easy reading). A further difficulty is that there is no Old Testament word for ‘faith.’