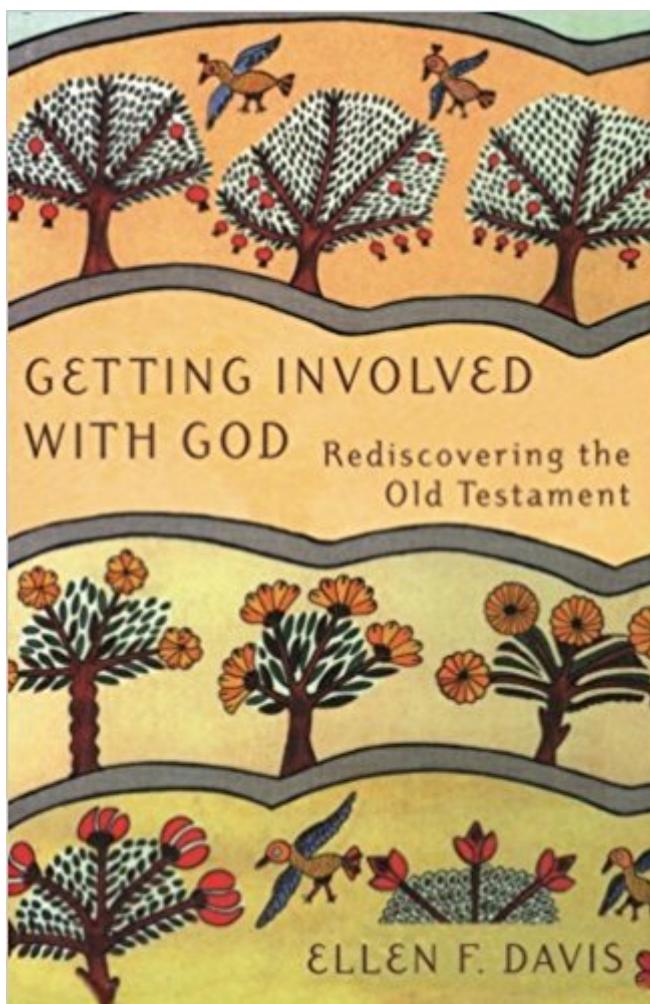


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# Getting Involved With God: Rediscovering The Old Testament



## **Synopsis**

This is a book about getting, and staying, involved with God-what it takes, what it costs, what it looks and feels like, and why anyone would want to do it anyway.

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Ellen Davis continues the core task of biblical exposition for the sake of the church. . . . Through it all Ellen Davis utilizes her considerable gifts of sensitivity to the text, attentiveness to the spirit at work in the text, and care for the church that it may grow closer to the God given in the text. Of special interest to me was her fresh reading of the Song of Solomon, which offers "the ecstatic aspect of the love that is the main subject of the whole Bible." Readers will dip in at any point in this book and be invited to thinking and praying again and obeying differently and freely. (Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary) Ellen Davis' work in this dazzling book can be compared to that of an exceptional rock climber putting up new routes on the world's most challenging walls. Combining ease with skill and nerve with artistry, she tackles some of the most difficult portions of the Old Testament. Professor Davis is working on the razor's edge of current hermeneutical practice, but she knows exactly how to speak to the ordinary Christian in a sparkling prose style. If you want to be up to date on the very latest developments in postmodern biblical interpretation and at the same time be thrilled and delighted with rich insights into the life of faith, this is the book to have right now. (Fleming Rutledge) Ellen Davis has recovered a long-lost

theological genre: brilliant, probing, scholarly interpretation of the Bible that flows into proclamation and challenges us to return to the text itself in a continuing engagement with the God who shares our pain. (Brevard S. Childs)

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It's a text book for a class I'm taking at the church I go to. It's a wonderful book - easy to read but full of new insights on the meanings of the old testament stories .The author is a scholar who translates from the original Hebrew and explains why she uses the words she chooses. I ordered a used paperback for a very low price. What came was clearly brand new - for the same agreed-on price. I'm very pleased with the book.

Terrific book. It was part a group of assigned texts for a graduate OT class. However, don't let that discourage you, if you're a lay person, from reading it. It is very approachable. I'm thinking about using this as a book study for an adult Sunday school class.Davis' writing style is such that she invites you in by offering a spiritual as well as a scholarly look at the OT. Now, if I could only find time to read the rest of her books.

This book changed my relationship with God.

I bought this book for a bible study class in 2009 and found it to be interesting and easy to follow... a little too easy as a matter of fact. I would have liked it if Prof. Davis had gotten a little more in-depth on some of the topics. I realize she was probably writing this book for a wide audience, but I wish she had had more of a mind towards an intellectual crowd as I often found the essays ending just as she was getting to the most interesting points. Maybe I'll have to track down some of her other work for that.

I read this book for a seminary class. Ellen Davis does a beautiful job of illustrating the profound human, emotive, cognitive power of books, stories, and themes in the Old Testament and how those books, stories, and themes deepen Christian faith. The chapters on Psalms, Ecclesiastes,

and Job especially stand out to me. They are ones that I have recommended to friends, ones that have shaped how I understand the role of faith in facing grief, and ones that I imagine I will come back to over and over. I highly recommend this book for anyone seeking to understand how to faithfully read the OT, anyone questioning how to honestly face painful experiences as people of faith, and anyone hoping to better understand God's involvement in the world, in history, and in our individual lives.

Ellen Davis does a wonderful job engaging modern Christians with the God of the Old Testament. This book not only does a great job explaining facets of the Old Testament and brings new light to the words of the OT, it also helps demonstrate the continuity of the God of the OT and God as seen in the NT.

As a diaconal student, I found this book both informative & inspiring. If you spend time visiting people in hospitals or nursing homes, it contains many valuable nuggets for that ministry.

Insightful, accessible, engaging and encouraging. Would recommend to anyone.

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