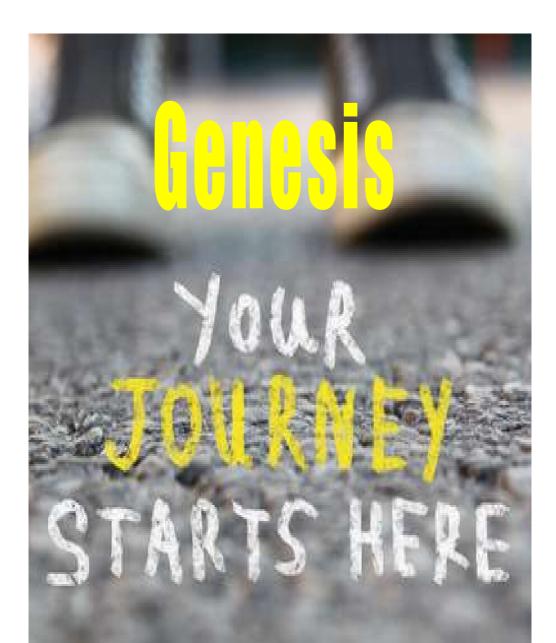
Let's Worship God

28th Nov. - 3rd Dec. 2022 Genesis





Monday - Genesis 11:10-32 - The Genealogy of Christ

The genealogy in these verses is not pointless for it ends in Abram, the friend of God, and it leads on to Christ. If you put Genesis chapters 5 and 11 with Matthew chapter 1, you have the complete genealogy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice that people begin to die at a much earlier age after the Flood. Shem lives to be 600, which is still younger than many of the men pre-Flood. The next three after him don't reach 500, the next three men after that don't reach 300, and except for Terah, men after that don't reach 200. It's not long till Moses writes that 70-80 is the average lifespan (Psalm 90:10). In God's plan as the earth is filling with people, their lives are becoming shorter.

Verses 27-32 begin the story of Abram. This man who is to be such a great example of faith, doesn't have a perfect beginning. He and his family are from Ur of the Chaldees, an idolatrous and evil land. But they leave this land and evil lifestyle surrounding them, and they journey to Canaan, stopping about halfway at Haran where they live until the death of Terah. No one ever comes from a perfect beginning, we are all born sinners, but God calls us to leave evil behind and obey Him, no matter who we are or where we came from.

Questions

- 1. Where does this genealogy end?
- 2. What happened to men after the Flood?
- 3. Where was Abram originally from?

Prayer Points

- 1. Pray that we would leave sin behind and go forward in obedience of God.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:5b

Praise: Psalm 94 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Tuesday - Genesis 12:1-3 - Commands and Blessings

God calls Abram out from his family and his country into the land of promise. God calls him to be separate and set apart, to believe, obey, and receive blessings. God doesn't suggest to Abram that he might like it better somewhere else, He commands Abram to leave. God commands us to leave the territory and people of sin - are we willing to do so? Are we willing to love Christ more than our closest friends and family? Are we willing to leave sin and temptation behind and not look at the world as our home? God also commands Abram to trust Him. Abram doesn't know where he is going or what it will be like when he gets there. He just has to follow God and take His word for it.

God gives Abram promises as well. Abram will be a great nation. This is a relief to Abram, for he has no children, but another test of faith that God will do as He says. God will bless Abram as He always blesses obedient believers. Abram's name will be great with the true honour that comes from God when we are obedient. Abram will be a blessing to others. People will pray for God to bless them as He blessed Abram, and all around him will be blessed just by knowing him. God will bless or curse those who bless or curse Abram. Anything good done for God's people will be rewarded, and anything done against God's people will one day be punished. Finally, all the earth will be blessed through Abram for from his line will come the Messiah who will save His people from their sins.

Questions

- 1. What does God command Abram to do?
- 2. What are the 6 promises God gives Abram?

Prayer Points

- 1. Pray that we will grow in our obedience and trust in God.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:5b

Praise: Psalm 95 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Wednesday - Genesis 12:4-9 - Obedience and Worship

Abram obeys all that God has told him to do without delay or arguing. He is 75, and he might have preferred to rest and settle down, but he does what God says. Sarai, his wife, must have been a great comfort to him, as she also has to leave everything, but she seems as willing to obey as Abram. He also takes his nephew Lot and the servants. Those who serve and follow God should do all they can, like Abram, to bring others to serve and follow Him as well.

When Abram comes to Canaan, God makes clear to him that this is the land where God is taking him, and now God promises to give it to his children. God makes this promise even though there are Canaanites still living there, and Abram has no place yet to settle in and is forced to move about. Abram must trust and find his comfort in God as he is a stranger travelling from place to place in this inhabited land that God says will one day belong to his children whom he doesn't have yet.

God appears and speaks to Abram, and Abram is careful that it is not a one-sided conversation, so he worships God, to praise and thank Him for what He has done, admit his helplessness, and ask God for help. This regular worship of God is Abram's habit wherever he goes.

Questions

- 1. What is the name of the land God promises Abram's children?
- 2. Who does Abram take with him to Canaan?
- 3. What does Abram do everywhere he goes?

Prayer Points

- 1. Pray that we would regularly worship God in our families.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:5b

Praise: Psalm 96 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Thursday - Genesis 12:10-20 - Abram's Sin

It would have been hard for Abram to have faith that God is taking care of him when the land, that is supposed to be such a great blessing to him, is struck with famine. But God provides food in Egypt, so Abram goes there, not to settle, but to wait out the famine.

We now see quite clearly that Abram is not perfect. He sins in lying about Sarai and being afraid of what the Egyptians will do to him, when he should have trusted that God who has taken care of him so far will continue to take care of him. Sarai is put in great danger of committing adultery, and neither she nor Abram speak up with the truth. But God in His mercy delivers them out of the mess they bring on themselves.

Even Pharaoh, an ungodly ruler, knows that Abram is wrong in what he does and rebukes him. Then, he gives Abram back Sarai, and he is careful that no harm comes to them. Pharaoh has worked out that he will suffer if anything bad happens to God's people in his land. God's deliverance of Abram out of Egypt, through plagues on Pharaoh, and sent out with the treasures of the Egyptians reminds us of God's deliverance of Abram's descendants, the Israelites, 430 years later.

Questions

- 1. Where does God provide food?
- 2. What was Abram's sin?
- 3. How does God save Sarai?

Prayer Points

- 1. Give thanks for God's mercy to us.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:5b

Praise: Psalm 97 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Friday - Genesis 13:1-13 - Choices

God has blessed Abram with great riches after his time in Egypt. When Abram comes back into Canaan, he returns to the first altar he ever made - maybe to remind himself why he is there in the first place. God's people are a praying people, and Abram prays to God here, thanking God, confessing his sin, and asking for God's help.

As time goes on problems develop between Lot and Abram. There just isn't enough room for the two of them and all their belongings to stay in the same spot, and their herdsmen begin to quarrel with each other. Abram comes up with a solution for keeping the peace. He humbly offers to Lot a choice of the land before them. Abram is older and has the greater authority to send Lot away, but he selflessly yields his rights for the sake of peace and lets Lot have the first choice.

You would think that Lot, out of respect, would give the choice back to Abram, but he doesn't. Looking around Lot chooses the part that looks the most prosperous - the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Even though it is well-known how evil and disgusting the inhabitants of these cities are, Lot never stops to think or care about the affect that will have on his family and himself. His desire to increase his wealth overrules any desire he has for spiritual well-being.

Questions

- 1. What does Abram do when he returns to Canaan?
- 2. What is the problem between Lot and Abram?
- 3. Why is Lot's choice bad?

Prayer Points

- 1. Pray that we would put spiritual considerations first in our lives.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:5b

Praise: Psalm 98 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Saturday - Genesis 13:14-14:16 - Promises and a Rescue

Abram has given Lot a choice of land, and Lot has chosen what seems to be the best. Abram might have good reason to feel discouraged, but God comes to him and blesses him for his unselfish faithfulness. Lot might have taken the better land for the moment, but God gives Abram the better title. God assures Abram of a good land and children to enjoy it. He promises Abram and his offspring all the land of Canaan forever. This is a promise that points to a heavenly Canaan, given to believers who are the true children of Abram. God who provides the inheritance will provide the heirs, and Abram worships God in thankfulness.

Meanwhile, Lot's choice is already proving disastrous. The king of Sodom decides to join together with its allies and rebel against paying tribute to their conqueror, Kedorlaomer. Kedorlaomer joins together with 4 other kings to punish this rebellion. So a battle of 4 kings against 5 takes place. The king of Sodom is completely defeated, his city is plundered, and the people, including Lot, are carried away as slaves by Kedorlaomer. Lot is already suffering for his wicked neighbours. Abram hears of the news from a messenger who escapes. He quickly calls out his fighting men. Only 318 against the armies of 4 kings, but God is with Abram and by dividing his army and attacking at night, he is given victory and rescues Lot.

Questions

- 1. What does God promise Abram?
- 2. What happens to Lot?

Prayer Points

- 1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:5b

Praise: Psalm 99 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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