

M O N D A Y TRUTH: GOD BEGINS HIS GREAT WORK OF REDEMPTION BY BUILDING A NATION OF PEOPLE TO BLESS ALL NATIONS.

Verse for the week:

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1. Explain why it is incorrect to view the God of the Old Testament as being different from the God of the New Testament. Read Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 1:10-12, and 13:8.
2. Give Old Testament examples of God being a God of mercy, grace, and love. Give New Testament examples of God being a just God of wrath and judgment.
3. Read Genesis 12:1-3. Explain how God begins his great work of redemption. (See truth for the week). How are the nations blessed through this nation and people.
4. Explain how you can continue God's work of blessing the nations.

For Kids: Explain why it is incorrect to view the God of the Old Testament as being different from the God of the New Testament. Read Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 1:10-12, and 13:8. (See answer to question 1).

Prayer: Father you are the same yesterday, today and forever. We are so thankful for the fact that while you have always been a just God of wrath and judgment, you have always been a God of mercy, grace and love. We praise you that we have been recipients of the blessing you promised through Abraham by faith alone in the person and work of Christ alone.

Answers: 1) God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 3) God begins his great work of redemption by building a nation of people to bless all nations. Jesus is the Son of Abraham. Through faith alone in his person and work alone, we are forgiven of sin and restored to God.

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1. Give examples in Scripture of God's faithfulness to His word. Explain what this means for us today. What is an area in your life you need to relinquish control and trust in the Lord?
2. Read Genesis 12:1-3. What three things does God promise to Abraham? Explain how God keeps these promises.
3. What promises has God made in his word that you need to trust Him for?

For Kids: What promises has God made in his word that you need to trust Him for?

Prayer: Father, we praise you for being faithful even when we fail to be. Help us to live lives of faith. Give us the strength we need to relinquish control and trust in you.

Answers: 2) In Genesis 12, God enters into an unconditional covenant with Abraham. This covenant had three parts to it. First, God promises to make Abraham's descendants into a great nation; second, he promises to bless Abraham and give him a great name; and third, he promises to use Abraham and his offspring after him to bless all the nations and peoples of the earth.

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1. Read Genesis 19. Explain how the story of Sodom and Gomorrah is a story of God's judgment and his mercy, grace, and love.
2. Why were Lot and his daughters spared from God's judgment?
3. How are we spared from God's judgment?

For Kids: How are we saved from our sin? (By turning from our life of sin and trusting in Christ alone for our salvation).

Prayer: Father we praise you for saving us. While we deserve your wrath and judgment, we thank you that we can be saved by grace alone through faith alone in the person and work of Christ alone.

Answers: 1) God pours out his judgment on the wicked in those cities but saves Lot and his daughters. 2) Lot and his daughters were spared God's judgment because of their connection to Abraham. They left that sinful city behind and trusted in the salvation provided by the Lord. 3) We are saved from God's judgment by our connection with God's Son, Jesus. We are saved by turning from our life of sin and trusting in the Lord for salvation.

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1. On Sunday, we learned that God is sovereign and works providentially through situations, both good and bad, to accomplish his purposes. Give specific examples of this in God's story of redemption.
2. We also learned that God shows favor toward undeserving sinners. Give examples of this in Scripture. Give personal examples of God working in this way. Give your testimony.
3. Jacob's story teaches us that growth often comes through intense struggle and pain. Can you give a personal example of this? Explain why.

For Kids: God works through people, both good and bad, situations that are good and evil, to accomplish his purposes. Give specific examples of God working in this way in the Bible.

Prayer: Father, we rest in the fact that you are at work in this broken and fallen world for your purposes, our good, and your glory. Help us to trust in you without wavering and give us the strength to remain steadfast through the storms of this life.

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1. Give a brief summary of Joseph's story. Read Genesis 50:18-20. Explain what we learn about God from this passage of Scripture.
2. Read Genesis 49:9-10. Explain why Judah is special.
3. Explain how Joseph is like Jesus. Also, explain why Jesus' work of salvation is superior.

For Kids: Have you experienced the rescue Christ came to bring? Have you forsaken your way and fallen at the feet of Jesus as Joseph's brothers did before him in Egypt? Have you cried out to Christ alone for salvation? If not, would you turn from your sin, look to Christ, and trust in him alone for salvation today?

Prayer: Father, we thank you for sending us a true and better Joseph by sending your Son to save us forever through his person and work alone. We lift up the hearers of this message. Give them eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand your gospel message. Bring the lost to repentance of sin and faith in your Son Jesus.

Answers: 1) God providentially works his will in the darkest and most difficult of times and should be trusted completely. 2) Ultimately, Joseph's brother Judah (another immoral man undeserving of God's favor) was the most important brother. From Judah's line the Israelite royal dynasty was established, beginning with David and culminating with Jesus. -Kendell Easley 3) Both are scorned by the ones they are sent to save. Both forgave their enemies. Both saw the Father's will in their betrayal. Both, through being betrayed and rejected, provided deliverance for their enemies. The work Christ accomplished, unlike Joseph, provided eternal rescue. Peter says in 1 Peter 3:18, Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. While God's people in Joseph's Day were able to be saved for a time through their relationship with Joseph, we, through Christ, can be saved forever through faith alone in his person and work alone.

**THE GOSPEL IN GENESIS:
INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS pt. 2**

SYNOPSIS OF GENESIS 12-50

ABRAHAM

GOD IS TRUE TO HIS _____ AND CAN BE _____

MAN IS TO _____ GOD, _____ IN HIS WORD, AND FAITHFULLY _____ HIM

GOD TAKES SIN _____, PUNISHES SIN _____, AND TREATS UNDESERVING SINNERS _____

ISAAC

GOD IS _____ AND WORKS _____ THROUGH SITUATIONS, _____ AND _____, TO ACCOMPLISH HIS _____.

JACOB

GOD SHOWS _____ TOWARD _____

GOD _____ HIS PEOPLE THROUGH INTENSE _____ AND _____

JOSEPH

GOD IS PROVIDENTIALLY WORKING HIS _____ IN THE _____ AND MOST _____ OF TIMES AND SHOULD BE _____ COMPLETELY