

Gathered to His People

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Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Genesis 25:1-26

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God is Sovereign and His choice will stand, so we must submit and commit ourselves to His purpose if we want His blessings!

1. God's Purpose according to His choice will stand

- God is Sovereign - Rm 4:11- chosen 1st to be blessed
- Sons & Grandsons thru Keturah (2-4) shows fulfillment of God's promise: Gen 17:4
- Abraham gave all to Isaac (5) shows Israel was God's CHOSEN!
 - Do you see yourself as chosen by God? What does that mean to you?
- List of Ishmael (12-18) shows God promise fulfilled Gen 16:12, 17:18,20
- Account of Esau & Jacob shows God's sovereignty over His choices!

A. God's Choice Often is not Man's Choice

- Choosing an 'infertile' couple...
- Choosing a son who appears to also be infertile...
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-30
- Do you see yourself as sufficient – then you miss the Gospel!

B. God's Choice Operates on His Grace, not Our Merit

- If we look at merit:
 - Ishmael vs. Isaac
 - Esau vs. Jacob
- Remember 'no one seeks God' Romans 3:10-11
- God will demonstrate His Sovereignty Romans 9:11
- Our salvation CAN'T depend upon any merit in us > produces gratitude!
- If God does all, can I kick back and do nothing? BEWARE of this lie!

2. We must SUBMIT & COMMIT ourselves to God's purpose according to His choice

A. We must SUBMIT ourselves to God's purpose according to His Sovereign Choice

- Submission means yielding to God's Right to set the plan
- Election can be a tough doctrine Romans 9:11-20
- Is it fair? Wrong question, not our right to ask!
- Look to His mercy freely offered to ALL through Jesus Christ!

B. We must COMMIT ourselves to God's purpose according to His Sovereign Choice

- Submission is one thing, committing yourself to God's purpose is another!
- Abraham had to be committed to God's plan – he was challenged
- Are you committed to God's purpose of Evangelism?
- Are you committed to God's purpose of Discipleship & growth in Grace

3. When we submit & commit ourselves to God's purpose according to His choice, He blesses us! 1 Cor 15:58

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