

The Seed of Judah - Preserved by God

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Genesis 38

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- Show full extent of our depravity & God's mercy: Rm 3:23; Isa 64:6
- Contrast Joseph & Judah: Both sons of Jacob (His story) Gen 37:2

Two Themes:

- How quickly even God's people become corrupted & forget God's commands.
- God's holiness and His amazing grace to undeserving sinners

I. We are, even God's people, prone to corruption

1. Corruption is sure to begin when you distance yourself from God's people.
Family, reading, entertainment...
2. Corruption has taken root when you marry (covenant) outside God's people
3. Corruption is complete when you seek to conform to a corrupt culture

Oh what a mess: if the sins of the father are visited upon the sons, how will any ever be saved? How can any escape the consequences of sin?

- See how hopeless our situation is in Adam
- We need a better head so that his sins aren't passed down to us!
- We need a head who can bear the consequences of our own sin!

II. God's Holiness & His Amazing Grace to undeserving sinners

1. God's Holiness means He will judge sin and discipline His children.
Don't presume on grace: Gal 6:7-8;
God's grace is His to dispense: Rm 9:14-16
God disciplines: Exo 34:6-7; Heb 12
2. God's Grace means that He shows mercy because of Christ's work to those who deserve judgment!
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