

Genesis & Exodus – A Message for God's People

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Genesis

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Why was Genesis written?

- Genesis was to teach God's people who they were and who their God was and how He works with His people
- Genesis shows the effects of sin on families and God's great mercy in redeeming men and calling out a people for His purpose

Genesis Could be Structured:

- Creation 1:1-2:3 followed by "These are the generations..." 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2 OR
- The beginnings of humanity Chps 1-11
- The beginnings of the Chosen Race Chp 12-50
- By Reading Genesis God's people are taught:
 - God is behind all their history
 - God's sovereignty doesn't negate human responsibility: Cain, Noah...
 - Obedience & disobedience of God has marked contrast

1. Genesis tells us Who God is

- He is... 1:1
- He is a personal God with His creatures: 2:15-16

2. Genesis tells us Who We are

- Created in the image of God 1:26-27 (even after Fall 9:6)
 - worth of men & women (1:27)
 - value for life as image bearer of God (1:27; 9:6)
 - marriage meaning & purpose (2:18-25)
 - impact of the Fall (6:5)

3. Genesis tells us What We Must Do (What God has Done) to relate to God

- Abraham 15:6 [see Gal 3:7; Rom 4]
- Adam – Eve 3:20 "Eve=Life - mother of all living" 2 Tim 1:10
- God's people are called to be blessed by God and be a blessing to others
Gen 12:2-3; Rom 10:12-15

Genesis is about God's Covenant with His People: Then & Now

Gen 17:7 - *And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.*

Saving faith in God's provision always
results in obedience & trust in God's provision

Noah; Abraham Gen 12:2-3; Joseph

Genesis & Exodus tells us:

Who God is

Who we are

What we must do (rest in His grace)!

Matthew 28:19-20

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Which structure of Genesis makes the most sense to you? Generations or Beginnings? Why?
- What do you learn about who God is from Genesis? So what?
- What do you learn about you from Genesis? So what?
- What do you learn about what God calls you to do? So what?
- How does the fact that God makes covenants with His people impact you? Your faith? Your obedience?
- How does the Great Commission inform us of how we obey in light of God's grace? So what?
- How is saving faith always a trust in God's provision? How does that relate to obedience?
- Ask: how will I be a blessing to the nations as I serve my Redeeming God?
- How should the message of Genesis affect you as you read Exodus?

Salvation is Now & Always Has Been, by Faith in God's Promise & Provision