

"In the Beginning, the Grace of God..."
Lesson 45, Genesis Summary
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Background

The book of Genesis tells the life stories of many great heroes of the bible, such as Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and Joseph. The surprising thing is how imperfect these people all were. Just like us, they could not get through the day without an infusion of God's grace to keep them going. Never think of grace as just a "Christian" thing, because we can see that even in the beginning, God's grace was available to all of mankind.

Questions

1. How did the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all participate in the creation?

2. Discuss what God said to Cain about sin in Genesis 4:7. Has this been true in your life?

3. In 15:13-16 God told Abraham what would happen to his family in the future. Looking at all of Genesis, what took place to fulfill God's words? How did Abraham's faith play a part in this? After you discuss, read 26:1-5.

4. Look at what Hagar called God in 16:13. What does this term mean to you? How did this hold true throughout Genesis?

5. In chapter 22 God tested Abraham. In these events, we surprisingly see Isaac's faith in addition to Abraham's. Discuss how the faith of those close to you affects your faith.

6. It seems the more Laban tried to swindle Jacob, the more Jacob prospered (chapter 30-31). How is this similar to Joseph's life? What did the two have in common that their fortunes followed a similar path?

7. Read the following passages concerning God's Promise to Abraham: Genesis 12:1-3, 17:6-8, 26:3-4, 28:13-15, 35:11-12. Discuss how God clarified the promise over time. At the end of his life, what was Jacob's perspective concerning the promise (48:4)?

8. How has the realization of God's Promise to Abraham directly affected your life?

9. Discuss a specific event in Genesis where God was gracious. How was God's grace unexpected in this situation?