

Today's Message Outline

The Unfolding of God's Gospel Plan

The Life of Abraham

Genesis 1-11

Sunday, September 27, 2009

5. The results of humankind's sin are universal

_____, _____,

and _____.

6. God is the _____ of all humankind.

7. God is the _____, sovereignly
enacting a _____ to _____
humankind and _____ all creation.

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First and foundational truths we need to know from Genesis 1-11 . . .

1. God is the _____ of all there is.

2. Humankind is the _____ of God's creation,
endowed with great _____ and a great
_____.

3. God is the engaged, relational _____ of
humankind.

4. Humankind consistently _____ against God's
_____, _____ and _____.

THINK IT OVER !

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1. Take the time to quickly reread Genesis 1-11, in a single sitting if you can. What impression of God are you left with? What impression of humankind?
2. Why is it important to know these 7 things from Genesis 1-11 before diving into the life of Abraham?
3. What are the stories in Genesis 1-11 that show the rebellion-judgment-grace pattern?
4. What are the evidences of devastation and alienation brought about by sin in Genesis 1-11?
5. Where does the Gospel of Jesus Christ really begin in the Bible? What are the hints and first pieces of the Gospel in Genesis 1-11?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. What are the cultural signs that, by and large, people today lack a coherent, consistent worldview?
3. The message argued that these 7 truths are not only critical for understanding the life of Abraham, but also for understanding the world and our place in it. Why is that true? For example what happens if we don't understand truth #1, God as the Creator of all that is? What happens if we don't understand our accountability to God?
4. As you look at these 7 vital truths from Genesis 1-11, which do you have a hard time holding on to? Which do you have a hard time understanding? Which do you have a hard time accepting and believing? Why?
5. How does Genesis 1-11 bring us to the point of desperation and Gospel need? Where do all humankind's dreams and schemes lead? What is the condition of humankind by Genesis 11?