

Genesis Series Wrap Up and Q&A

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth Genesis 1:1

We understand who God is

- Isaiah 40:25 “who is my equal?”
- Job 38 “Where were you when I...?”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

We understand who we are

- Subject to him
- Made in his image
- A little lower than the angels
 - Psalm 8

Creation Still Speaks

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

...since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made...

Romans 1:19-20

Sovereignty & Redemption

SOVEREIGN [NW1828]: Supreme in power; possessing supreme dominion; as a sovereign ruler of the universe. Supreme; superior to all others; chief. God is the sovereign good of all who love and obey him. Supremely efficacious; superior to all others; predominant; effectual; as a sovereign remedy. Supreme; pertaining to the first magistrate of a nation; as sovereign authority.

REDEMPTION [NW1828]: Repurchase of captured goods or prisoners; the act of procuring the deliverance of persons or things from the possession and power of captors by the payment of an equivalent; ransom; release; as the redemption of prisoners taken in war; the redemption of a ship and cargo. Deliverance from bondage, distress, or from liability to any evil or forfeiture, either by money, labor or other means.

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”

-John 17:17

Genesis Is The Foundation Of Truth

Genesis Gives Us A Right Perspective

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- God Created
- We are created to know Him
- Sin separates us from God
- We are under judgment

- God redeems us for relationship

Genesis Gives Us A Right Perspective

- God is real and powerful and good and active
- I am created; in submission to God
- My heart yearns for God
- I have been forgiven much
- I interact with God now
- I live in a world that will never be right
- I am waiting for something

Q&A

Was Benjamin afraid Joseph would make him a slave or something, since he (supposedly) didn't hurt Joseph?

In Genesis 32:22-32, when Jacob wrestles with the "man" / "angel" / who seems to actually be God, why is Jacob stronger?

What do you think Esau's favorite kind of stew was?

Back in Genesis, people lived in very close proximity to each other and shared a lot of time together. They basically were always together. Do you think, as a culture that is moving more towards isolation, that we should try to live more like that? Obviously, they had their reasons, family, looking for new land, etc, but isolation from community wasn't even a thing back then. Unless you were a hermit.

Not necessarily a Genesis-specific question, but 1.) Is it more important to read scripture from the New Testament which has a lot of direct instructions for how we ought to live, as well as Jesus's life, vs the Old Testament which has to be put through a filter of, what is still applicable to us or not 2.) how should we balance our personal reading between old and New Testament?

What is the purpose of learning and knowing about what happens in Genesis, exodus, etc.. In the Old Testament? This is not necessarily something I'm struggling with just would like to hear the pastors explain it.

Why did God send the flood when He knew sin would continue after the flood?