

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Genealogies 301 – Genesis 11:10-32

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of Eugene Land
2. God's Redeeming Grace to Shem's Descendants
3. God's Redeeming Grace to Old Testament Israel
4. God's Redeeming Grace to You and Me
5. Conclusion – meditate on God's redeeming grace seen in His choosing of us to be His people

Scripture References

- Genesis 9:26-27 - Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem...
- Luke 3:36 – adds the name Cainan between Arpachshad and Shelah
- Genesis 5:6-8 - When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh...Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.
- Genesis 12:1 - Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.'
- Genesis 15:7 - I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.
- Genesis 12:2 - And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
- Genesis 46:27 - All the persons of the house of Jacob...were seventy.
- Deuteronomy 6:7-8 - For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession... It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you...but it is because the Lord loves you...
- 1 Peter 2:9-10 - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession...

Reflection Questions

- How does hope seem bleak in light of the passage from last week (Gen. 9:1-11)?
- In what ways does this passage give us 'the how' of God's heart for the nations?
- How does the fact that the phrase 'and he died' does not occur highlight hope?
- What are some ways you are halfhearted in your devotion to God like Terah?
- How is God's redeeming grace connected to that fact that He chose Abram?
- In what ways does God's redeeming grace show up in God's choice of OT Israel?
- How does God's choice relate to you and me?
- Why is it so important for us to realize that God chose us?
- How can the fact that God chose you shape your identity and life purpose?
- Where are you prone to find identity outside of Christ?
- How does this passage and sermon show you more of your need for Jesus?
- How does this passage and sermon help you love Jesus more?