



Summer Bible Study

Greentown Baptist Church

Wednesday, 8/14/2024

1. In John 14:1-3 Jesus states He was going to prepare a place for us which seems to indicate it wasn't constructed yet. Is it possible that Jesus laid the sure foundation as our Savior and we as individuals provide Jesus with the building materials (gold, silver, precious stones)?

- John 14 is the only place in the Scripture where these mansions are mentioned so we always want to be careful not to make _____ of such things than God does.
- Mansion = *The large house of the lord of a _____*. The rich and royal have always dwelled in mansions – Eph. 2:5-6; Rev. 1:4-6, 5:9-10.
- There are several possibilities as to the construction materials of these mansions – 1 Cor. 3:11-16; Rev. 21:1-3.

2. Does Genesis 11:27-29 depict that Lot might be illegitimate since it doesn't mention Haran taking a wife? With Abram being the oldest, did he perhaps take Lot as his own son when Haran died and was it OK that Abram took Lot with him in Genesis 12:1-4 when God told Abram to leave his land?

- Haran, Lot's father, appears to be Abraham's _____ brother (*who perishes*). It could be that Haran was wild, having children disorderly outside of marriage, but the Bible does not clearly say.
- It would be natural for several reasons for Abraham to take his youngest brother's _____ under his care and influence after his father passed away – Gen. 13:5-13, 19:1-11; 2 Pet. 2:6-9.

3. In Luke 2:41-48, did Jesus disobey His parents when He tarried and they came back and found him in the temple (v. 41-45)? Why did it take so long for Joseph & Mary to go to the temple when it seems it should have been the first place they should look (v. 46)? Why did Joseph & Mary question Jesus around so many witnesses in the temple (v. 48; 1 Tim. 2:12)?

- Jesus couldn't have disobeyed his parents by _____ in this situation – 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15, 5:8.
- Mary and Joseph were _____ more about their very special son day by day, just as Jesus was growing in his humanity day by day. He was at a special age (*12/13*) and being in the temple speaking with the doctors of the law was clearly a new thing for all of them – Lk. 2:50-52.
- 1 Timothy 2:12 does not apply to the open questioning from his mother as the Bible emphasizes here that Jesus was still a child and under the _____ of his parents (see Lk. 2:40, 42-43, 51).
- Joseph and Mary acted as _____ parents do when concerned about their child's behavior – Pr. 27:5; Ecc. 7:5.