

The Gospel According to Genesis

Gospel Reflections on the
First Book of the Bible

Part 1: Gospel Foundations
July 7th, 2024
Luke 24:13-27 (p.938)

Aims for this mini-series:

- *To encourage you to spend more time in this book*
- *To help you think through how to handle the Bible responsibly*
- *To show you how to view not just Genesis but any book of the Bible through the lens of the overarching purposes of God*

HOW SHOULD WE READ THE OLD TESTAMENT?

1. Read the OT as the _____ of _____ (John 10:35, 2 Tim 3:16-17)

2. Read the OT as a _____

3. Read the OT as Pointing to _____ and His _____ (Luke 24:25-27)

a. _____ His coming

b. _____ for His coming

c. _____ us to His Work

Take a Gospel-centered tour of the first half of Genesis:

I. THE GOSPEL IN GENESIS 1-11 - WHO GOD IS

**A. _____: God's _____ and _____ on
Display (1:1-2:25 cf. Psa 33:6-9, Jer 10:12, 2 Cor 4:6-7, 5:17, Gal 6:15)**

B. _____: God's _____ and _____ on
Display (3:1-5:32)

1) The _____ (3)

2) Abel's _____ (4:1-16)

C. _____ : God's _____ and _____ on
Display (6:1-9:29)

Creation and De-Creation in the Flood

The _____ is created

The _____ are created

_____ and _____ are created

_____ is created

_____ will be destroyed

_____ and _____ will be destroyed

The _____ would be destroyed

The _____ will be destroyed

CREATION

DE-CREATION

D. _____ : God's _____ and _____ on
Display (10:1-11:1-9)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

How does the idea of God's faithfulness, despite human failures, encourage you in your daily life? Can you share a time when you experienced this?

We learned to read the Old Testament as God's Word, as one story, and as pointing to Jesus. How might this change the way you read Genesis? What questions does this raise for you?

Genesis 1-11 shows us different sides of God's character (like His power, fairness, mercy, and control over everything). Which of these stands out to you most right now? Why?

Even after Adam and Eve sinned, God showed kindness. How does this affect how you think about sin and God's response to it? How might this change how we deal with our own mistakes and those of others?

The Tower of Babel story shows God's plan for different nations, which leads to people from every nation worshiping God in Revelation. How does this big picture of God's plan challenge or encourage you? How might it affect how you view people from different cultures?

DIGGING DEEPER

Resources to help you think deeper about this week's Bible message.

Recommended resources are not an endorsement of all the authors have said or written.

Something to Read:

According to Plan - Graeme Goldsworthy

The Unfolding - Timothy Brindle

What's in the Bible? - R.C. Sproul and Robert Wolgemuth

Jesus' Bible: An Overview - Jason DeRouchie

Something to Listen to:

Genesis Overview Sermon - Mark Dever (available on YouTube)

The Melodic Line of Genesis (Overview Sermon) - Kevin Halloran (available on YouTube)

Beginning with Moses: Christ in All the Scriptures - Steven J. Lawson (available on YouTube)

NEXT WEEK

The Gospel According to Genesis #2 - Gospel Progress (Genesis 12-50)

What to do right after the service to help "the Word dwell more richly," within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, "How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?" Or "what about God in the message encouraged you?"

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share.

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