

Sermon Notes

Genesis Reflections

Intro: what a year it's been in Genesis!

Getting some bearings:

- A book of 2 halves... (Our global problem [1-11], God's Abrahamic solution [12-50])
- A book of family trees... (Zooming in on the line of Promise)
- A book with three major Abrahamic seasons...
 - o (Faith alone [12-22]; Grace alone [25-35]; Christ alone [37-50])

Right from the beginning....

1) ...God's people are "sojourners" trusting God's promise to take them home

"they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners..." (Ps 105:12 ESV)

"in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. (Heb 11:13 ESV)

2) ...God's people are sinners saved by God's sovereign, undeserved kindness

...by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (Eph 2:8 ESV)

3) ...God's people have hope because of one particular "offspring" of Abraham: the Lion-Lamb of Judah

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham (Mat 1:1 ESV)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David... ⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, (Luk 1:68-73 ESV)