

GENESIS STUDY BOOK 1

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GENESIS INTRODUCTION

Genesis is the first book in the Bible. Jesus quoted the word, “I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” and introduced God, “He is not God of the dead but of the living” (Mk 12:26-27). Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are main characters in the Book of Genesis. Therefore, Genesis is a very valuable resource when we want to know God.

Genesis deals with all of the origins. Such as the universe, life, human beings, sin, death, the gospel, culture, language and nations.

When we come to know the beginning, we come to know the purpose of our existence. When we come to know the problem, we can find its solution. When we study the Bible, we can learn the origin of all things and its purpose. We also see the nature of sin, death and its solution.

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II. Main Theme

1. God created the heavens and the earth (1:1).
2. God created human beings for His glory. Thus, we are glorious beings (1:31).
3. Humans betrayed God’s love and were expelled from the garden of Eden (3).
4. God promised to send the Messiah to the fallen human beings and started His redemptive history (3:15).

III. Introduction (1:1-2:4)

IV. Body (2:4—50:26)

The account of the heavens and the earth (2:4—4:26)

The written account of Adam’s line (5:1—6:8)

The account of Noah (6:9—9:29)

The account of Shem, Ham and Japheth (10:1—11:9)

The account of Shem (11:10—26)

The account of Terah (11:27—25:11)

The account of Abraham’s son Ishmael (25:12—18)

The account of Abraham’s son Isaac (25:19—35:29)

The account of Esau (36:1—37:1)

The account of Jacob (37:2—50:26)

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STEP 01

Remember Your Creator

Genesis 1:1-31

Introduction

Human beings have fundamental questions in life such as, “Where did I come from?”, “Where am I going?” and “What do I live for?” The book of Genesis dealt with the beginning of the world while the book of Revelation recorded the end of the world. Therefore, in the Bible, we can find the answer to those questions. In other words, we find the meaning and purpose of life when we meet God who created this world and completed His purpose in this world. Through Genesis chapter 1, we can meet the Creator God. He reveals Himself in three ways.

1. What does Genesis 1:1 declare? Who is the subject in the first verse? Meditate on 'God' (Elohim). What did He do first? What do you know about the size of the universe and its order? How did He create the heavens and the earth [2-3; Heb 11:3]? How many times do you see the phrase, "And God said...And it was so" in Genesis chapter 1? What do you learn about the power of God's word? What confidence can you have in your life (Mt 28:18-20; Phi 4:13)? ¹

¹ **Heb 11:3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Mt 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Phi 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

2. How many times do you see the phrase, "And God saw that it was good" (4,10,12,18,21,25, 31)? What does it mean when God saw what He created was good? Why was God very happy with each creation? What things did God create according to their kinds (11-12, 21, 24-25)? How great and abundant is God's love for His children (Ro 8:32)? ²

² **Ro 8:32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

3. Why did God create human beings (26; Ro 1:19)? Why is it very important that we have fellowship with God in our day to day life? What is the purpose of life on earth (28; Eph 2:10)? What happens when we fulfill God's will in our life (Ge 12:1-3)? What is your life purpose? ³

³ **Ro 1:19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gen 12:1-3 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. 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. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Reflection

STEP 02

The Lord God Planted a Garden in Eden

Genesis 2:1-17

Introduction

We've learned the greatness of God through the creation of the universe and the matchless love of God, He created all things for human beings. In chapter 2, we learn more about God's love and blessing upon us. As we learn about the creation of humans in detail and His provision for us, we also learn how we can keep God's love and blessing in our life.

1. What did God do on the seventh day (1-3)? Why did He rest on this day? In what sense, is it His love and blessing to us (Ac 20:7; Rev 1:10)? In the creation of human beings, God breathed into the nostril of Adam, the breath of life. Why was this act special? ⁴

⁴ **Acts 20:7** On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet.

2. Where did God make a garden (8)? What do the words, 'garden' and 'Eden' mean? What things were in the garden of Eden (9-14)? What does the tree of life refer to? What do rivers refer to? What does gold, bdellium and onyx stone refer to? What does the garden of Eden refer to (Rev 21:11, 22:1-2; 21:1-4)? ⁵

⁵ **Rev 21:11** having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

Rev 22:1-2 ¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Rev 21:1-4 ¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

3. In what way, can we keep the blessing of Eden (15)? How can we apply this in our Christian walk? What blessing did God give to humans (16)? What was forbidden to eaten (17)? What is your tree of the knowledge of good and evil that you must not take and eat?

Reflection

STEP 03

The Lord Established the First Family

Genesis 2:18-25

Introduction

We, humans, are born in a family, being raised in it and die, being surrounded by family members. Thus, your family is the foundation of your life. We grow in it in body, mind and character. If we have a happy family, we have a happy life. When happy families gather, the church becomes a happy church and the community becomes a happy community. How can we have a happy and healthy family in God?

1. Who initiated the first wedding (18)? What is the purpose of a wedding (Is 43:21; 1 Co 10:31)? Why is it important to accept God's sovereignty in our marriage? What was God's purpose for creating a woman (18-22)? What do you learn about the biblical perspective of marriage? ⁶

⁶ **Isa 43:21** the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

1 Cor 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

2. What was Adam's confession to his wife (23)? What did he mean by that confession? What kind of love should a husband have toward his wife (Eph 5:28-31)? What order do you see in the family (23; 3:20)? What is the right attitude of a woman toward her husband (Eph 5:22-24)? What is the fundamental principle in a Christian marriage? ⁷

⁷ Eph 5:28-31 ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Gen 3:20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Eph 5:22-24 ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as ²³ to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

3. According to verse 24, what do you learn about married life? How can you be independent in the life of marriage? What does it mean that Adam and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed (25)? How can we maintain such a harmonious and pure marriage?

Reflection

STEP 04

Sin, Punishment and Grace

Genesis 3:1-24

Introduction

Genesis 1-2 teach us God's creation and His provision for mankind. God wanted humans to live in happiness. Yet we see a heart-breaking incident in Genesis 3. Humans committed sin, falling into the temptation of Satan. Matthew Henry, the commentator, said that Genesis chapter 3 is the saddest chapter in the Bible for we see in it, the first sin, God's curse and the lost paradise. However, we see God's unfailing love in it. Thus we see the bright hope of God's salvation in it.

1. What does verse 1 say about the serpent? What does the Bible say about all creatures (1:31; 1 Ti 4:4)? What does the Scripture say about Satan (Isa 14:12-15)? How did the serpent tempt the woman (1b)? Why did Satan tempt the woman instead of man (2-3)? In what way, do you see that the temptation of Satan became even more intense (4-5)? What did the woman do? What spiritual lesson do you learn from this incident? ⁸

⁸ **1 Tim 4:4** For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.

Isa 14:12-15 ¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³ You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' ¹⁵ But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.

2. What was the immediate result of disobeying God (7, 11-13)? What happened with their relationship with God (8-10)? What happened to the ground (17-19)? What do you learn here about the seriousness of sin?

3. What did God do to save fallen humankind (9)? In what way does verse 15 provide the hope of God's salvation? What did God do to cover up the shame of Adam and Eve (21)? What does it exemplify (Ro 3:23-26)? What does Genesis teach you about the love of God? ⁹

⁹ **Ro 3:23-26** ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Reflection

STEP 05

God-Pleasing Sacrifices

Genesis 4:1-15

Introduction

We've seen a heart-breaking incident in Genesis 3. Humans committed sin, falling into the temptation of Satan. As the result of sin, humans received God's curse and lost paradise. In Genesis 4, we see the first murder. Cain killed his brother Abel. We see how sin was spreading in the world. In this text, we learn how we can live as true worshipers of God so that we can overcome this world and please God through our life.

1. What are the names of Adam and Eve's sons (1-2)? What kind of life did they live? What did they give to God and what was God's response to their sacrifices (3-5a)? What do you learn from this event about the right kind of worship that God desires from us (Heb 11:4; John 4:23; Ps 51:16-17)? ¹⁰

¹⁰ **Heb 11:4** By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

Psalms 51:16 ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

2. What was Cain's response (5b)? How did God counsel Cain (6-7)? What does it mean when God told Cain to say, 'but you must rule over it (sin)? In what way was God's word to Cain His very word to us (1 John 3:12)? ¹¹

¹¹ **1 John 3:12** We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

3. What did Cain do after hearing the words of the Lord (8)? How did God show His grace to Cain who killed his brother (9-10)? What curse did Cain receive from God (11-12)? What was Cain's response to God (13-14)? How did God help Cain (15)? Why is God so patient with sinners (Ro 2:4)? What should our response be to God? ¹²

¹² **Ro 2:4** Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Reflection

STEP 06

East of Eden

Genesis 4:16-5:32

Introduction

In our text, we see how the choices of Cain and Seth set their descendants on two different life paths. On the one hand, Cain's refusal to repent resulted in his descendants also living godless lives. Though they thrived culturally, their lives were dark and miserable. On the other hand, Seth and his descendants led godly lives. They called on the name of the Lord and strived to glorify Him. We, too, have a choice: to live like Cain's descendants or to live like Seth's descendants.

1. What kind of life did Cain start to live (16)? What does Cain's life tell us about humans who leave the presence of the Lord? What did Cain do after his son Enoch was born (17-18)? What kind of life did Cain's descendants live (19-24)? What do you learn here about human culture without God?

2. Who did God give to Adam and Eve in place of Abel [25]? What was the name of Seth's son [26]? What does it mean? Why did Seth give his son this name [2 Cor 12:9]? ¹³

¹³ **2 Cor 12:9** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

3. How long did Adam and his descendants live? Although they all lived long lives, only Enoch did not die. What does this tell you about human life after sin (Ro 6:23a)? Who lived the longest? The name Methuselah means, "After his death, it will come." What does this tell us about our God? What happened to Enoch [23-24]? What does this event signify? Why did he receive such a special privilege? How can you walk with God (Ro 14:7-8; Phi 1:20)? ¹⁴

¹⁴ **Ro 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ro 14:7-8 ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Phi 1:20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

Reflection

STEP 07

The Ark of Salvation

Genesis 6:1-22

Introduction

From the time of the creation to the flood, about 1,700 years had passed. After Adam died at the age of 930, people started to die one by one. Still, the world seemed to be advancing both in population, with people living an average of more than 900 years, and in cultural development. Everything seemed to be fine. But even before it became 2,000 years old, this world suddenly came to an end. The Bible tells us that this was a direct result of the world becoming so full of sin (Ge 6:5). Through the story of Noah and the flood, we can learn what type of life we should live.

1. How did people marry in the time of Noah (1-2)? Who were “the sons of God” and who were “the daughters of man”? What was the practical result of their marriage (4)? What was the spiritual result of their marriage (3, 5; Ps 51:11; Ro 1:24, 26, 28; Ro 2:4-5)? What did God decide to do (6-7)? Share with each other the lesson you learned from the corruption of Noah’s times. ¹⁵

¹⁵ **Psalm 51:11** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Ro 1:24, 26, 28 ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Ro 2:4-5 ⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

2. What type of life did Noah live (8-9)? What does it mean to walk with God (Mt 7:13-14)? To what extent had the world become corrupt (11-12)? God shared with Noah His plans for both judgment and salvation (13-14), followed by instructions on how Noah was to build an ark (15-16). What covenant did God make with Noah (17-21)? What do you learn about our God from this exchange? ¹⁶

¹⁶ **Mt 7:13-14** ¹³ Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

3. What was Noah's response to God's command [22]? Noah was presented with the difficult task of building an ark and gathering all the different animals. Yet, he did it all. What was the secret to completing this project (Heb 11:7; Dt 6:5)? ¹⁷

¹⁷ **Heb 11:7** By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Deut 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Reflection

STEP 08

Judgment and Salvation

Genesis 7:1-24

Introduction

Genesis 7 focuses on God's judgment by flood and the salvation that followed, both of which happened just as God said it would. This incident reveals that there is only one way to salvation—the way God has prepared for us. We live in a pluralistic society that claims there is salvation in all religions, but this is not true; salvation can only be found in God.

1. What did God say to Noah when the ark was completed (1)? What did God recognize Noah for? What was Noah told to bring along with his family (2-3)? What did God say to Noah about the flood (4)? How did Noah respond to God's command (5)? Verse 16 tells us that the Lord shut the door of the ark (16). What do you learn about the timing of God's grace?

2. When did the flood begin and for how long did the rain fall (6, 10, 11, 12)? What happened with the ark (17-18)? How much water covered the earth (19-20)? What was the result (21-23)? What does the author teach us about God's judgment? What happened to Noah (23b)? In what way, should we live during our current times (2 Pe 3:3-7)? ¹⁸

¹⁸ **2 Peter 3:3-7** ³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

3. What does Jesus teach us about God's judgment (Lk 17:26-30)? What does the Bible teach us about God's judgment (Heb 9:27; 2 Cor 5:10; 2 Pe 3:10-11)? What is the ark God has prepared for our salvation (Jn 1:29; Jn 14:6; Ac 4:12)? ¹⁹

19 Lk 17:26-30 ²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot— they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— ³⁰ so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Heb 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Pe 3:10-11 ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness.

Jn 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Jn 14:6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Ac 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Reflection

STEP 09

The Rainbow Covenant

Genesis 8:1-9:17

Introduction

God cleansed this sinful world through the flood. However, the sin of humans wasn't cleansed. So God had a new plan. He made a covenant with Noah. And as a sign of this covenant, He made a rainbow. Rainbows look awesome. The same is true with God's love. Through this text, we will learn about God's wonderful love for us.

1. What did God do, remembering Noah and all who were in the ark (1-2)? How long did it take for the water to dry up on the earth (7:11; 8:13-14)? What kind of life did Noah and his family live while on the ark with the animals for such a long time? What was the meaning of a freshly plucked olive leaf that the dove had brought back to Noah (11)? What do we learn about our God who remembers His people and cares for them (Isa 49:15; Ps 121:4)? ²⁰

²⁰ **7:11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

Isa 49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

Psalms 121:4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

2. What did God command Noah to do (16-17)? What did Noah do first when he stepped out of the ark (20)? What was God's response to Noah's sacrifice (21)? What did He decide in His heart (21b) and what order did He restore (22)? How can we please God in our daily life? What kind of blessings did God give to Noah and his family (9:1-2)? In what sense should our dedication to the Lord not be in vain (1 Co 15:58)? ²¹

²¹ **1 Cor 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

3. What was the covenant that God established with Noah (11)? How many times do you see the word, 'covenant' in chapter 9? Why did God repeatedly speak about His covenant? What was the sign of God's covenant (13)? What would God remember when a rainbow appears in the clouds (14)? What covenant do we, New Testament believers, have (Mt 26:28)? ²²

²² **Mt 26:28** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Reflection

STEP 10

Noah and His Three Sons

Genesis 9:18-29

Introduction

God cleansed a sinful world through the flood. Now, God began a new history with Noah and his family. So God said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number” (Ge 9:1). He also promised that He would not destroy the whole world through a flood again. God even gave them a rainbow as a sign of the covenant. Our text is the first scene of the new era.

1. What happened through Noah's three sons (18-19)? What kind of life did Noah start to live (20)? What mistake did he make (21)? What can we learn from Noah's mistake (6:9; 1 Pe 5:8; 1 Co 10:12)? What is your perspective on the trials you face in life (Jam 1:2-3)? ²³

²³ **Ge 6:9** These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

1 Pe 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Co 10:12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

James 1:2-3 ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

2. Who was the first to see Noah's nakedness and what did he do [22]? What did Shem and Japheth do when they heard about their father's nakedness [23]? What did Noah do when he awoke from his wine [24-27]? What do you personally learn from Shem and Japheth (1 Pe 4:8; Pro 17:9; 1 Pe 2:24)?²⁴

²⁴ **1 Pe 4:8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Pro 17:9 Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

1 Pe 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Reflection

STEP 11

The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-26

Introduction

There is a saying, "United we stand; divided we fall." However, we see an event where a people were united and disastrous things happened. That is the incident of the Babel Tower. After creating human beings, God said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number" (Ge 1:28). He also said the same thing to Noah when he stepped out from the ark. However, against God's will, humans tried to avoid being scattered by building the tower of Babel. God confused them by giving them different languages as well as scattering them throughout the world. Our text teaches us on what we should seek in life.

1. How many languages did humans originally have (1)? The people migrated and settled in the land of Shinar. What new architectural design did they develop (2-3)? What did they do with the new technology (4)? What was their motive in building a city and a tall tower? Why is it important that we become humble before God (Pro 3:34; 29:23)? ²⁵

²⁵ **Pro 3:34** Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

Pro 29:23 One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

2. Why did God come down from heaven (5)? What difference do you see here between what human's perceive as great and what God perceives as insignificant? What did God decide to do (6-9)? What do we learn from this incident about human beings and about the Lord our God? What is God's will for us (Acts 1:8; 8:1; Mt 28:19)? ²⁶

²⁶ **Acts 1:8** you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 8:1 And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Mt 28:19 But Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

3. Why did the author record the genealogy of Shem again (10-26)? Who is the main focus in this genealogy (26)? God's plan to redeem the world was to raise one man, Abram, as a man of God. Compared to the great tower of Babel and sinful culture of the world, helping one person seemed to be so insignificant. Yet it was God's divine plan and hope. What do you personally learn from this divine plan (Jn 1:42)? ²⁷

²⁷ **Jn 1:42** He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

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