

Sermon Text: Genesis 11:27-12:9

Pro Presenter Outline

A Look Back at Genesis So Far: God creates good out of chaos

- The earth was formless and void, followed by six days of good things
- Adam and Eve's sin, followed by a covering for shame and a promise
- Abel's murder followed by a son
- Judgment of global flood, followed by a second chance for mankind
- The chaos of Babel, followed by the call of Abram to bring blessing to all the scattered families of the earth

Faith: Then and Now

A Definition of Faith: Well-founded Trust

1. Faith In God, Obeys God

v. 4

v. 5

v. 9

Question: In what area of your life today are you craving understanding when you really need to be craving obedience?

2. Faith Worships God Openly

v. 5

v. 6

v. 7

v. 8

The significance of these verses is that:

First: Abram worshiped specifically

Second: Abram worshiped where it would not have been popular

Notice:

- Faith is not merely personal
- Consistent, ordinary, biblical, public worship is a more powerful witness than you might think it is.

Applications:

1. Obedience is only made possible by faith

Romans 10:4

"In other words, the end, the goal, the point of the law is to drive us to Jesus. When we really 'get' what this verse is saying, we begin to see that every command in Scripture points us in some way to Jesus, who fulfills that command for us and in us. He is our righteousness. We no longer need to construct our own...the law drives us to Jesus and Jesus frees us to obey the law."

- The Gospel Centered Life, Article 4

2. Faith is risky, so count the cost.

"Suppose Christ's promise failed, in what would you be the losers? ... I really fear, when we come to examine, it will be found that there is nothing we resolve, nothing we do, nothing we do not do, nothing we avoid, nothing we choose, and give up, and pursue, if Christ had not died and heaven were not promised us. If this be the case - if you would be neither much better nor much worse through Christianity were a fable - if you have in nothing become poorer in this world that your reward in heaven may be greater, if you have made no investments and run no risks, then really the natural inferences is that your faith in the future inheritance is small."