

LISTEN UP & WRITE IT DOWN

Blessings & A Boundary

The Gospel According to Genesis: Beginnings

Genesis 2:4-17

Sunday, February 22, 2009

I. The Blessings of the LORD God

1. A _____ by the hand of the LORD God.
2. A _____ by the _____ of the LORD God.
3. A _____ with and _____ from the LORD God.
4. A place in the _____ of the LORD God.
5. An abundant _____ by the grace of the LORD God.
6. A clear _____ assigned by the LORD God.
7. A free access to _____ from the _____ of the Lord God.

II. The Boundary of the LORD God

- A. The reason for the boundary . . . Why?
- B. The nature of the boundary . . . What is it about?
- C. The penalty for violating the boundary . . . What happens when. . . ?

God's Word & Us. . . . What are we meant to see here?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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*This is the account of the heavens and the earth
when they were created,
in the day that the LORD God
made earth and heaven.
—Genesis 2:4*

A word about the structure of Genesis . . . How does it work?

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	Creation (an introduction)	1:1-2:3
1	What became of . . . the heavens and the earth	2:4-4:26
2	What became of . . . Adam	5:1-6:8
3	What became of . . . Noah	6:9-9:29
4	What became of . . . Shem, Ham & Japheth	10:1-11:9
5	What became of . . . Shem	11:10-26
6	What became of . . . Terah (Abraham)	11:27-25:11
7	What became of . . . Ishmael	25:12-18
8	What became of . . . Isaac (Jacob)	25:19-35:29
9	What became of . . . Esau	36:1-37:1
10	What became of . . . Jacob (Joseph)	37:2-50:26

A word about the flow of Genesis Where is it going?

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Genesis 2:4-17 again. Explain the significance of that first sentence in verse 4? How do these 3-4 paragraphs fit in with what we're told in that first sentence?
2. Compare the name of God in Genesis 1:1 with the name of God in Genesis 2:4. What's this about? What does each name emphasize about God?
3. How does Genesis 1 fit with and relate to Genesis 2:5-9? Is this a retelling of the creation story or something else?
4. Without looking back at the outline, identify some of the ways in the text that the Lord God abundantly blesses Adam.
5. What is the boundary commanded by the Lord God? Does the text tell us why God commands it? What is the boundary about?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. Why do you think we tend to focus on the few boundaries that the Lord God commands instead of His abundant blessings?
3. How does Adam show us ourselves? How is he "every man, every woman?" What is the choice put before him? How is that also the choice we face daily?
4. Look at 1 Corinthians 15:22 and 15:45. Who is the "last Adam" and why do we need him? What does he do for us?
5. Genesis is really just the first chapter of the story of God and the world. What becomes of heaven and earth at the end, on the last page in Revelation 22:1-7? What are we confronted with once more in 22:6-7?