

Lesson 1 - Overview

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Grace- favor or kindness shown without regard to the worth or merit of the one who receives it and in spite of what that person(s) deserves. That is God's grace – kindness shown when undeserved. God extends grace to sinful humans to overcome the problem of sin.

1. The Problem of Sin

- *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.* Genesis 1:31
 - This description included Adam and Eve.
- Adam was given kingship authority over the earth, as Psalm 115:16 says: *The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.*
- Adam and Eve were in a paradise where God communed with them, as seen in Genesis 3:8: *They heard the sound of the LORD walking in the garden in the cool of the day.*
- Adam and Eve failed the test. Sin entered the world to change it forever, but God gave a promise: *I will put enmity between you (the serpent, Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he (woman's offspring) shall bruise your head, and you (Satan) shall bruise his heel.* Genesis 3:15

2. The Patriarchs – who were they and why are they called by that name?

"Patriarch is defined as head of a father's house- the founder of a tribe, family, or clan; the forefathers of the Israelite nation. Specifically, this title is used of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob..."

(Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

- Abraham trusted and obeyed God. *This is what is said of Abraham:*
And he (Abraham) believed the LORD, and he (the LORD) counted it to him as righteousness.
Genesis 15:6
- God told Abraham about future events concerning his offspring.
Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Genesis 15:12

- *Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. **But I took** your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. Joshua 24:2-3 (NIV)*
- *Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. Romans 4:16 (NIV)*
- God confirms His promise to Jacob.
A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you. Genesis 35:11-12

3. Journey to Egypt

- *But when his (Joseph's) brothers saw that their father loved him (Joseph) more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him. Genesis 37:4*
- Joseph's wise word to his brothers.
And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here, but God. Genesis 45:7
- Joseph reminds his brothers of God's promise of the land.
I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear saying, 'God will surely visit you and you shall carry up my bones from here'. Genesis 50:24-25