

the Purpose *and* Promises of God

God's Purpose and Death

Summary

It has been a good journey as we have traced out the lives of Abraham and Sarah. Now, we come to the close of that journey. They have lived lives of faith. Yes, they had their ups and downs, successes and failures. However, the outcome of their lives was never dependent on themselves. The outcome depended on a simple faith in an awesome God.

Outline

Introduction

Death is a hard subject and yet we are confronted with it all too often. We all have stories of grief as we say goodbye to those we love. We live in a broken, fallen world and that is all too evident all too often. However, death is not the end. By faith in Jesus Christ we have hope as we look forward to eternity in the visible presence of God.

Notes:

Personal Application:

Reflection Questions

1. What has been your favorite moment or lesson learned in Abraham and Sarah's lives? Why?
2. How would you define God's purpose for their lives? What bearing does that purpose have on your own life?
3. If you imagined your own funeral and what you might hope others would say about you, what would it be?
4. Read Hebrews 11.8-19. What is encouraging about the role of faith in Abraham and Sarah's lives? How does that relate to God's purpose for them?
5. Read I Corinthians 15.20-26. How is Adam and Jesus contrasted? What about Jesus most encourages you in this passage?
6. Share at least one thought on how the Christian should view death. How does that help you in any past or current grief?
7. How can you remain mindful of the hope we have in Christ in the face of death?
8. What shift in the way you think and/or live do you want to pursue as a result of this study and discussion?