

the Purpose *and* Promises of God

God's Purpose and Sovereign Grace

Summary

In Genesis 25.19-34 we see some incredible truths about God, truths that should draw us into worship and celebration. The first truth is that God is sovereign. He has the power to do anything and everything. He is also sovereign in salvation by choosing whom to save. This should lead us into worship and celebration of him even as we may have some unanswered questions on the subject. The second truth is that God is gracious. Yes, he is sovereign, but he is sovereignly good and gracious.

Outline

Introduction

We all needed a spiritual rescue. Our sin separated us from God and left us condemned. We needed God to intervene and redeem us. This redemption always leads to his glory and our good. Our passage and outline emphasize God's sovereign grace. It is sovereign grace (meaning God does as he wants) in verses 19-26 and it is sovereign grace (meaning God exercises kindness toward undeserving people) in verses 27-34. This forms our outline in the following phrase...

God glorifies his name as he redeems his people by his sovereign grace.

Notes:**Personal Application:****Reflection Questions**

1. Explain what it means that God is sovereign. Explain what it means that God is gracious. How do these two concepts relate? How does each of these truths comfort you? What questions do they leave you with?
2. Isaac and Rebekah give themselves to persevering prayer over the course of twenty years. How does the truth of God's sovereign grace impact our understanding and practice of prayer?
3. Read Ephesians 1.3-14. What do you note about God's sovereign choice in salvation, his love, and his glory? How does that relate to God's choice of Jacob in Genesis 25? How does that encourage you in relation to your own salvation?
4. What did you note as far as the messiness of Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau in this passage? How does that speak to God's grace?
5. Read I Timothy 1.15. How can you relate to Paul's statement? As you reflect on your pre-Christ time in life, what can you share as far as sins that God saved you from (i.e., what were you like before faith in Christ)?
6. The outline phrase for the sermon was: God glorifies his name as he redeems his people by his sovereign grace. Brainstorm how you see God's glory in the passages you discussed.
7. How will these truths encourage you this week and impact the way you think and live?