

“THE WALK OF FAITH”

“THE PROMISE OF GOD AND THE PATH OF THE PATRIARCHS”

Part 2 of the Book of Genesis (Chapters 12-50)

PART 45

“A TALE OF TWO SONS”

“Confronting Our Earthly Aspirations and Expectations”

(Genesis 25:19-34)

INTRODUCTION:

REVISITING THE STRUCTURE & SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS

“This is the story of...” (2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12, 19; 36:1; 37:1)

PRIMEVAL HISTORY (1-11)

1. Creation (1-2)
2. Fall (Corruption) (3-5)
3. Flood (Catastrophe) (6-9)
4. Scattering (Confusion) (10-11)

PATRIARCHAL HISTORY (12-50)

1. Abraham (12-23)
2. Isaac (24-26)
3. Jacob (27-36)
4. Joseph (37-50)

THREE MAJOR THEMES: CREATION, CORRUPTION & COVENANT

1. Creation: The Majesty of God and the Mystery of Life
2. Corruption: The Tragedy of Sin, the Depravity of Man & the Certainty of Judgment
3. Covenant: The Reliability of God, the Necessity of Faith and the Sufficiency of Hope

- Covenants form the basis of God's relationship with His Creation and especially mankind, providing a framework for all of history. A proper understanding of this covenantal character of history and the Old Testament is essential in the development of a biblical theology as well as a full understanding of the significance of the coming of Christ and the New Testament.

1A. THE _____: (GENESIS 25:19-20)

“Now these are the records of the generations of Isaac, Abraham’s son...”

- The Reality: Same _____, New _____.
- The Question: As Isaac now walks the walk of faith, will he _____?
 - 1B. Will he trust God’s _____ ...?
 - 2B. Will he trust God’s _____ ...?
 - 3B. Will he trust God’s _____ ...?

2A. THE _____: (GENESIS 25:21-23)

1B. The _____ of Rebekah's Womb and Her _____ Prayer (v. 21)

"Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren..."

- Isaac is _____, so he prays.

2B. The _____ in Rebekah's Womb and Her _____ Prayer (v. 22, 23)

"But the children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is so, why then am I this way?' So she went to inquire of the LORD."

- Rebekah is _____, so she prays.

"The LORD said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb;

And two peoples will be separated from your body;

And one people shall be stronger than the other;

And the older shall serve the younger."

"And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, 'The elder shall serve the younger.'"

—Romans 9:10-12

- According to Romans 9, God's choosing is not based upon a man's _____ (9:7-9), a man's _____ (9:10-13), or a man's _____ (9:14-18), but solely upon God's _____ determination to extend _____ to the _____.

3A. THE _____: (GENESIS 25:24-34)

1B. Their _____ (v. 24-26)

2B. Their _____ (v. 27-34)

1C. A _____ (v. 28)

2C. A _____ (v. 29-34)

CONCLUSION: