

Reformed University Fellowship Bible Survey Conference

Session 3: New Family Genesis 4-50

- I. Review – Fall and Promise of Seed.
 - A. The world was structured and filled.
 - 1. Good.
 - 2. Problem of formlessness and emptiness solved.
 - B. God's image placed to rule and further fill.
 - C. The garden was a pattern for the earth.
 - D. Man was created to cultivate and guard the garden.
 - E. Believed the word of the beast over the word of God.
 - F. Promise of a seed to come and save.

- II. Arrival of the Seed.
 - A. Read Genesis 4:1-24.
 - B. Rejoicing at the arrival of the seed (savior).
 - C. Worship was already being practiced.
 - D. Cain's refusal to submit to God.
 - E. False worship → murder.
 - 1. Ground received Abel's blood.
 - 2. Rejects Cain.
 - F. God's mercy.
 - G. Cainite culture of art and murder.
 - 1. He went out from the presence of God.
 - H. Is this the end?

- III. New seed.
 - A. Read Genesis 4:25-26.
 - B. Recognition that Cain is not the seed.
 - C. Read Genesis 5:1.
 - D. Seth the replacement for Abel.

- IV. End of the world .
 - A. Read Genesis 6:1-22.
 - B. Attack of the serpent using woman as the bait.
 - C. Intermarriage.
 - 1. Mixing of seed → loss of seed.
 - 2. 6:8 – grace not works.
 - 3. Noah's faith – building the ark.
 - 4. Return to formless emptiness – decreation.

- V. New World.
 - A. Read Genesis 8:20-9:17.
 - B. New heaven and new earth.
 - C. Covenant of creation .
 - D. Republication of creation mandate.
 - E. Human government instituted.
 - 1. Blood = Life (9:4)
 - F. Covenant established.
 - 1. Interpersonal bond.
 - 2. Intergenerational.
 - 3. Extends to all subordinates.
 - 4. Physical sign: for God.

- VI. Fall of Shemites.
 - A. 10:21 Shem.
 - B. 10:24 Eber (Hebrew).
 - C. 10:25 Dividing of earth.
 - D. 70 nations from Noah.
 - E. Rebellion (v. 4).

- VII. New Family.
 - A. Read Genesis 12:1-5.
 - B. Separation from father's house, land, people, (cf 2:24).
 - C. Promise of new house, land, people.
 - D. Promise of universal blessing.

- VIII. New Covenant.
 - A. Read Genesis 15:1-21.
 - B. The promise cannot be fulfilled without a seed.
 - C. Faith (v. 6).
 - D. Covenant.
 - 1. Self-maledictory oath.
 - 2. Sovereign establishment.
 - 3. Instituted by shedding blood.
 - 4. A personal bond created by God through a self-maledictory oath and blood sacrifice.
 - 5. God walked alone in making the covenant!

- IX. Covenant Sign.
 - A. Read Genesis 17:1-14.
 - B. Naming as authority, as father.
 - C. Covenant promise: "I will be your God" (v. 8)
 - D. Sign as covenant (v. 10).
 - E. Sign as covenant entry (v. 14).

- X. The Seed!
 - A. Read Genesis 21:1-7 .

- XI. Covenant Test.
 - A. Genesis 22.
 - B. Death and resurrection of the seed (Hebrews 11:17-19).

- XII. Covenant Succession.
 - A. Read Genesis 25:19-28.
 - B. Abraham → Isaac.
 - C. Issac → Children.
 - D. Conflict between older and younger (cf Cain and Abel).
 - E. Read Genesis 28:10-17.
 - F. Sovereign promise, reiteration of the covenant.
 - G. Read Genesis 32:22-32.
 - H. Renaming.
 - I. Genesis 49 – blessing the sons of Jacob.