

Genesis 25

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SERMON NOTES

Genesis

In the beginning...

Outline of Genesis:

Genesis 1-2	Creation
Genesis 3-5	Fall
Genesis 6-9	Flood
Genesis 10-11	Table of Nations
Genesis 12-25	Abraham
Genesis 25-26	Isaac
Genesis 27-36	Jacob
Genesis 37-50	Joseph

Genesis 25

Redemption history in motion

Genesis 25 reminds us of...

1. Divine faithfulness
2. Human self-centeredness
3. Gospel progress

"We do not see the glories and tragedies of national and global events, and the joys and the pains of day-to-day family life, as finding their meaning only within human history, or personal biography. Their true meaning lies within the purposes of a God who has made Himself known as loving and holy, as personal and infinite, as Creator and Redeemer, as Sustainer and Ruler."
- David Atkinson

"Providence is like a curious piece of tapestry made of a thousand shreds, which, single, appear useless, but put together, they represent a beautiful history to the eye."
- John Flavel

“True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself. The freedom of self forgetfulness.”

- Tim Keller, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*

“Many a congregation when it assembles in church must look to the angels like a muddy puddly shore at low tide; littered with every kind of rubbish and odds and ends — a distressing sort of spectacle. And then the tide of worship comes in, and it’s all gone: the dead sea urchins and jellyfish, the paper and the empty cans and the nameless bits of rubbish. The cleansing sea flows over the whole lot. So we are released from a narrow selfish outlook on the universe by a common act of worship.”

- Evelyn Underhill

“If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling around with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

- C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*