

The Line of David

Lesson for Sunday, April 2, 2023

OUR WEEKLY REVIEW:

Genesis 1:31 – God created it all

Genesis 1:27 – We are all created in God’s image.

Genesis 3:6 – The Fall changed it all.

Genesis 3:15 – God’s promise of redemption

Genesis 12:2-3 – The Seed of Abraham

Genesis 49:10 – Judah’s Royal Seed

Exodus 12:23 – The Passover Lamb

⇒ What are some themes that you are noticing as we go through this lesson series? *Allow for some discussion...*

⇒ One theme that we want to remember is that God always keeps His promises.

- It started in Genesis 3:15 with God’s promise of a coming seed.
- We have seen through Abraham, Joseph, Judah and the events of the Exodus that God was not willing to allow anything to dictate the unfolding of His redemptive plan.
- This ought to provide us tremendous hope! God will accomplish His purposes in His way, and neither sinful human ambition or misguided desire to “help out God” can change that.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. David’s Plans for God

a. Who was David?

- i. David was anointed king by the prophet Samuel.
- ii. David came from the house of Jesse in the family of Judah. Why is this an important fact to remember? *Remember Genesis 49:10?*
- iii. David rose to prominence through a series of events that many Christians are familiar with such as his defeat of Goliath.
- iv. While David waited to be king, God preserved him and kept giving him victories over the people of God’s enemies.

b. David’s Reign & Godly Ambition

- i. For the first seven years of David’s reign, he consolidated power and conquered Jerusalem, making it his capital.
- ii. As part of his plan, he desired to replace the tent that had been used for worship since the days of the exodus with a lasting temple to honor God and give the people a permanent place to worship.
- iii. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-3. From everything we can tell, David’s desire was a noble one. He even asked for the approval of Nathan the prophet and Nathan gave him the go-ahead (see vs. 3).

c. God’s Different Plan

- i. Even though David seemed to have a great idea with pure motives, God had other plans. Read 2 Samuel 7:4-7, 11.
- ii. While David may have been thinking about building a house where the people in Israel could worship, God was thinking of a house where all nations might worship.
- iii. While David was thinking about a place for God’s presence to dwell in Jerusalem, God was thinking of a much larger house where He would dwell, and where David’s line would reign forever.

d. In other words, God came to David with a much bigger promise than he could ever have imagined.

2. God’s Plans for David

- a. While David was not going to build a house for God, God would build a house for David.
- b. The house God would build would not be a house of cedar. Instead, this house would be a royal dynasty that would last forever. Read 2 Samuel 7:12-13.

- c. God told David that after he died, his royal line would continue. God would establish the kingdom of David's son forever. But there was more!
 - d. His son would also fulfill David's ambition by building a house for God. As he built this temple, the king, David's son, would be the one who would bring God's blessing of God's presence to His people in a lasting way.
 - e. Putting the pieces together:
 - i. As we have seen in previous lessons, the very presence of God was a big part of the promised blessing of Abraham.
 - ii. Today's lesson is a connecting point: The royal offspring of David would bring the blessing promised to Abraham. The line of David would bring the presence of God to the nations.
 - iii. Read how the Temple was described in 1 Kings 8:60.
 - f. So Solomon was the seed of the woman, the seed of Abraham, and the royal seed of Judah, right? Reading verses 13-14a it sure seems so! But we have to keep reading...
3. God's Plans are Better Than Our Plans
- a. There's a difference in this covenant that God was making with David. This promise had certain conditions attached to it.
 - b. Vs. 14: God told David that if his son was unfaithful, then God would discipline him. (That's exactly what happened!)
 - i. As Solomon grew in wealth and power, his heart drifted from God. And so the promised discipline came.
 - ii. Neither David or Solomon was the promised descendant of Judah.
 - c. As we progress through the story of Israel it seems that things continued to head south.
 - i. The same problem kept king after king from finally and fully doing what a king ought to do.
 - ii. The kings were all unfaithful, and idolatry, foolishness and pride led the people further and further from God.
 - d. The people needed a faithful king who could keep the law of God perfectly. They needed a substitute who would solve the problem of sin once and for all.

REVIEW:

- ⇒ Add to the timeline: 2 Samuel 7:13 – The Line of David

TAKEAWAYS:

- ⇒ Sometimes God has different plans. Even when ours are noble and our intentions are pure, remember that God always has a plan, and His plans are always the best plans.
- ⇒ Even when things seem to be spiraling out of control, God is working.