

His Word in Our Hearts

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Genesis 15:6

Daily Bible Reading

1	Genesis 1-2	Ecclesiastes 1
2	Genesis 3-4	Ecclesiastes 2:1-16
3	Genesis 5-8	Ecclesiastes 2:17-26
4	Genesis 9-11	Ecclesiastes 3:1-12
5	Genesis 12-14	Ecclesiastes 3:13-18
6	Genesis 15-17	Ecclesiastes 4
7	Genesis 18-20	Ecclesiastes 5
8	Genesis 21-23	Ecclesiastes 6
9	Genesis 24	Ecclesiastes 7:1-14
10	Genesis 25-26	Ecclesiastes 7:15-29
11	Genesis 27-28	Ecclesiastes 8
12	Genesis 29-30	Ecclesiastes 9
13	Genesis 31	Ecclesiastes 10
14	Genesis 32-33	Ecclesiastes 11
15	Genesis 34-35	Ecclesiastes 12
16	Genesis 36	Song of Songs 1
17	Genesis 37-38	Song of Songs 2
18	Genesis 39-40	Song of Songs 3
19	Genesis 41	Song of Songs 4:1-7
20	Genesis 42-43	Song of Songs 4:8-16
21	Genesis 44-45	Song of Songs 5
22	Genesis 46-47	Song of Songs 6
23	Genesis 48	Song of Songs 7
24	Genesis 49	Song of Songs 8:1-7
25	Genesis 50	Song of Songs 8:8-14

Reading Genesis:

Genesis was written by Moses around 1500BC to recount the story of God's people before they go into the Promised Land.

Genesis begins with perhaps the most offensive statement in the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." That becomes the foundation for understanding everything else in the Bible. Since everything exists by God, everything exists for Him.

Genesis doesn't begin with Adam and Eve, it begins with God. Genesis (which means beginnings) begins God's Story, His Story. God is the author of creation and of the Bible and He is the hero of every story. If you get this book wrong, there will be a great deal wrong later on.

Genesis divides very neatly into two parts. The first eleven chapters give a very fast paced narrative of the beginning of the world, creation, fall, flood and tower of Babel. This part covers twenty generations of people. Then the rest of Genesis from 12 to 50 slows the pace down considerably with the beginning of the people of God, the nation of Israel. Here we have the stories of just four generations of people, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

The two sections deal respectively with the beginning of everything, and with the beginning of Israel—the beginning of the world, and the beginning of God's redemptive purpose for that world.

Genesis introduces us to God's covenantal dealings with mankind. God makes specific oaths with specific obligations to Adam, Noah, and Abraham. From Genesis onward, these covenants serve as the undergirding rebar for the life of the faithful. They remind us of God's unchanging promises amid the shocking and weighty disappointments of our fallen world.

There are two pivotal moments in salvation history revealed in Genesis. The first is after the fall into sin by Adam and Eve, God makes the promise of all promises. He immediately announces His plan for the redemption of mankind.

Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

The second is when God calls Abraham and Abraham believes. This is our memory verses for October.

Genesis 15:6 Abraham believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

We are counted righteous by a holy God not on the basis of our good works by faith in God.

Romans 4:23-24 The words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord.

From the very beginning we learn salvation is by faith.

There are four reasons for reading Genesis with your family.

First, it gives us a right understanding of our place as creatures before the Creator God and it shows how humans are unique in all of God’s creation.

Second, it gives us a right understanding of our sinfulness and rebellion before a holy God and that we are unique in God’s creation deserving death.

Third, it show us the grace of God started at the very beginning and everything that follows prepares us for the coming of Eve’s son, Jesus. The God who creates everything is also the God who redeems everything.

Fourth, if God started it all perfectly, He will end it all perfectly. We worship and put our faith in a triumphant Savior. God will create a new people for His glory.