

9.12.21 – Blessed Sermon 1 – Genesis 1:20-31

Section One – Blessed

I. The Blessing We Receive

- A. Read Genesis 1:20-28 - Pick the true statement(s)
1. God blessed the stars and His created universe.
 2. God blessed the Creatures and Humans He created.
 3. God's blessing requires the one receiving it to earn it by doing good.
 4. God's blessing requires certain necessary conditions.
 5. God's blessing is an enabling power to fulfill its design.
 6. God blessed the 6 days of the week in which we are to work out our salvation.
- B. Why are certain days especially blessed by God?
- C. Explain how doing what we are designed to do is related to God's blessing.

II. The Blessing We Lost

- A. Explain why coveting prevents God's blessing.
- B. Use the following words to fill in below blanks: covet - decide - saw - take
1. Eve _____ that the fruit of the tree was a delight to the eyes.
 2. David _____ that the woman was very beautiful.
 3. We either _____ for ourselves or depend on God's direction.
 4. When we _____ we will not receive the blessing of God.
 5. When we _____ what we want we expect to be fulfilled.
- C. How does Romans 7:7-12 explain the covetousness that led Eve's choice.
- D. Read Romans 1:25. What is the key idea in this verse as related to how we go about trying to be fulfilled? Take some time and examine your own life. What do you find as your greatest temptation to replace God's blessing with some other thing?

III. The Regained Blessing

- A. Explain how the story of Noah is an example of God's creative work of renewed blessing.
- B. Explain how the story of Abraham is another example of God's work of renewed blessing.
- C. How does Galatians 3:7-10 help us understand how God's blessing is experienced.
- D. Fill in the blanks below.

- 1. Noah _____ through the waters to receive God's blessing.
- 2. Israel _____ through the Red Sea to receive God's blessing.
- 3. We _____ through the waters of _____ to receive God's blessing.

E. E. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. How is Jesus our means of being blessed by the Father? Why do you think Paul refers to God's purposes in these verses about blessing? How do these verses increase your sense of purpose as it relates to God's blessing and design for your participation in His work of creation and recreation?

Section Two – Going Deeper

Apologetics: World View and Design.

What is the best explanation for what is wrong with the world today?

Going Deeper in Doctrine

Besides attending a worship service, how biblically observant are you of "remembering the Sabbath day"? Consider how Pastor Winans defined "being blessed" as an enabling power of God and how it relates to our loving God.

Q. 115. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested in the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath-day and hallowed it.*