

History of Missions: Old Testament

SESSION 4
MISSION FOUNDATION CLASS

INTRO

- Looking Back to Learn, helps me to **go forward** in God's Mission

MISSION OF ADAM & EVE (GENESIS 1-3)

- To worship God and enjoy perfect harmony with Him.'
- Fall of Adam & Eve:

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise. -Proverbs 12:15

Now It was mission critical!

NOAH (GENESIS 6-9)

“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. -Genesis 6:5

God's mission was still to **restore** mankind

TOWER OF BABEL (GENESIS 11)

- They went back to the bad habit of trying to figure it out on their own
- Trying to reach paradise their own way

ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12)

“Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**” -Genesis 12:1-3

JOSEPH FROM DREAMER TO DELIVERER

- God can make **anyone** a blessing to all

MOSES WAS MURDERER TO MISSIONARY

- God Calls the Weak so **God's strength** can shine through them

☞ *"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."* -2 Corinthians 12:9

JOSHUA (ANOTHER TYPE OF CHRIST)

- God will use **different people** to complete His mission

OTHER LEADERS (ATTRACTING OUTSIDERS)

- We must draw people into the **magnetic field** of God's grace

ISAIAH MISSIONARY MESSAGE (ALL NATIONS)

☞ *"And they will declare My glory among the nations"* -Isaiah 66:19

Declare God's Beauty to **every person**, not just those inside the Church

DANIEL & THREE YOUTH

☞ *But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.* -Daniel 1:8

Decide in your heart to **live differently**

PSALMS MISSIONARY PRAYERS

☞ *"I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples"* -Psalm 57:9

☞ *"That your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations"* -Psalm 67:2

JONAH'S REPENTANCE LED TO NINEVEH'S REPENTANCE:

🔖 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."
-Jonah 1:2

God wants us to love and pray for our **enemies**

ZEPHANIAH MISSIONARY PROPHECY

🔖 "I will give to the people purified lips that all of them may call on the name of the LORD" -Zephaniah 3:9

MALACHI: TO THE GENTILES

🔖 "From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering ... says the LORD of hosts" -Mal. 1:11

OLD TESTAMENT - UNFOLDS GOD'S PLAN FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

- The mission of God is to **bless all nations** on earth

🔖 "Turn to me and be saved, all you end of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other" -Isaiah 45:22

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QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON:

1. What is one thing you learn from the Old Testament that you can apply to your life? Be Specific.
2. Which character do you relate to the most in the Old Testament and why?
3. What are some of things that you learned from your past that can help your future in serving God?