

# Genesis World

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## Introduction

The Scripture is the special revelation. Revelations reveal by taking off the covered veil. So when we study OT and NT, we should admit that all books are organized in an interrelated stream like the relationship between a tree and its roots, or an organized relationship between the inner organs and the external organs in the human anatomy—a stream of life. This includes the law of science but more than that, 1) we should interpret the Scripture with the Scripture, 2) and the Scripture with the redemptive light according to reformers' principles. So when we carefully observe the revelation—the pictorial revelation and the explaining revelation—we can see the light in the work of the Holy Spirit by interpreting picture with explanation or the explanation with picture. Redemptive revelation shall be understood in Christ or shall be united and magnified. Among them, the revelation of Genesis is the key to open other revelations. For example, the Genesis revelation shall be accomplished by the revelation of John.

### 1. Sequence of Genesis

- 1) Survey of Genesis
- 2) God the creator (Gen 1:1-18)
- 3) The Garden of Eden (Gen 2:1-3:24)
- 4) True worship (Gen 4:1-6)
- 5) The covenant of grace with Noah (Gen.6:1-8:22)
- 6) The grace of nature (Gen 9:1-17)
- 7) The tower of Babel (Gen. 9:18-11:32)
- 8) The covenant of Abraham (Gen 12:1-15:21)
- 9) The sign of circumcision (Gen 16:1-17:27)
- 10) The Assurance of Abraham and Sarah (Gen. 18:1-19:18)
- 11) A Prophet, Abraham (Gen 20:1-21:18)
- 12) The Godly beauty of Abraham (Gen 22:1-23:20)
- 13) The Meekness of Isaac (Gen 25:19-27:46)
- 14) Esau and Jacob (Gen 25:19-27:46)

- 15) The Bethel Experience of Jacob (Gen 28:1-31:56)
- 16) The Sanctification of Jacob (Gen 32:1-35:29)
- 17) The training of Joseph ( Gen 36:1-41:57)
- 18) The Glorification of Joseph (Gen 42:1-50:26)

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## Lecture 1 Pictorial Concept- The survey of Genesis

1. Whole picture - ***Genesis begins with the revelation of the restoration of God's image***
2. Triangle - ***Creation was the work that God began with the heavenly council of the Trinity God.***
3. Six pictures that are spread out the triangle - ***Creation of the heavens and the earth that were filled with God's character.***
  - 1) The first and the fourth picture – ***the first day creation (the light) and the third day creation (Sun, Moon, Stars)***
  - 2) The second and the fifth picture – ***the second day creation (sky and earth) and the fourth day creation (kinds of birds and kinds of fish)***
  - 3) The third and the sixth picture – ***the third day creation (the land) and the sixth day creation (Animals, plants, and man)***
4. 10 pictures below and the arrow of restoration of God's image – ***Creation event and 9 genealogies in Genesis***
  - 1) The first picture (Creation figure)– ***Creation of heaven and the earth***
  - 2) The second picture (Adam and Eve) - ***Genealogy of Adam***
  - 3) The third picture (the Ark)– ***Genealogy of Noah***
  - 4) The fourth picture (Noah's Altar) – ***Genealogy of Noah and his sons***
  - 5) The fifth picture (Noah's Three sons)– ***Genealogy of Shem***
  - 6) The sixth picture (making idol of Abraham) – ***Genealogy of Terah***
  - 7) The seventh picture (Ismael left Abraham)- ***Genealogy of Ishmael***
  - 8) The eighth picture (the altar of Isaac)– ***Genealogy of Isaac***
  - 9) The ninth picture (Esau's sword)– ***Genealogy of Esau***
  - 10) The tenth picture (Jacob's dream)– ***Genealogy of Jacob***

## Lecture 1, The Survey of Genesis

### 1. Background and survey

Genesis began with “And in the beginning (Breshit).” The fifty chapters reveal history from creation to the tower of Babel (1-11), and also reveals human history from Abraham to Joseph (12-50). The first eleven chapters introduce the creator God, the beginning of life, the beginning of sin, the beginning of condemnation, the beginning of family, the beginning of the adulatory worship and the beginning of salvation. The remaining parts focus on the four patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, who were the fathers of the faith. From them, the nation of Israel was started on the earth and Christ, our Lord, came from them into this world

#### 1) Title:

**2) Purpose:** The book focuses on the restoration of God’s image by the process of redemptive preparation, that is, Israel descended down to Egypt for accomplishing the theocracy.

### 3) Summary

Theme	Four great events				Four great persons			
Division	Creation 1 2	Depravity 3 5	Flood 6 9	Nations 10 11	Abraham 12 24	Isaac 25 26	Jacob 27 36	Joseph 37 50
Title	Primitive history (beginning of human nations)				Patriarchs history (beginning of Hebrew tribe)			
Place	Above 2000 years (20% of Genesis)				About 300 years (80% of Genesis)			

### 4) Explanation

(1) Creation of the heaven and the earth (1:1-2:3)

Monergism

It is very good.

Hexameron - the theory of six days creation

Elohim – God, as the source of power

Genesis chapter one is not a reproduction of myth.

(2) The origin of the heaven and the earth 2:4-4:26

- 1] "These are the generations of the heavens and the earth" (11 times)
  - 2] 2:4-4:26 is not a double record of the creation but is the first state of man- making and human history.
    - 2:24 - "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."
    - The whole contents of chapter 22 offered the way to establish the Garden of Eden.
    - Basic elements of creation event did not appear in chapter two.
  - 3] A certain controversy does not exist between chapter one and chapter two.
    - The order of creation
    - The concept of God
  - 4] Chapter 3 is not myth but a historical fact.
  - 5] The purpose of chapter four reveals the rapid commitment of sins.
- (3) The genealogy of Adam 5:1-6:8
- 1] Below 4:17, Cain's genealogy 4:17 was inserted. - Moses's writing skill (25:12-19)
  - 2] There is a similar point in the names of genealogy that appeared in the chapters 4-5.
  - 3] Chapter 5 is not the purpose that was shown in the chronicles.
  - 4] 6:1-8 is the introduction that reveals the sins of the people that brought the flood of condemnation and Noah's righteousness.
- (4) The genealogy of Noah 6:9-9:29
- 1] The cause of the flood was the fulfillment of man's sins in the world.
  - 2] The purpose of the flood was to destroy mankind.
  - 3] The stressed point in the text was the salvation of the remnant.
  - 4] Noah's obedience
    - On the second month, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day, they entered the ark. (7:11-12)
    - For forty days, it rained continuously.
    - The water filled the earth for 150 days.
    - Seven steps to reduce the water.
  - 5] The flood happened in the entire world.
  - 6] God claimed that he shall not judge the world with water again and the world shall be blessed by Shem.
- (5) The genealogy of Noah's sons 10:1-11:9
- 1] Mankind shall be scattered into every area in the earth.
  - 2] Chapter 10 and chapter 11 have the same author.
- (6) The genealogy of Shem 11:10-26
- 1] It is similar to chapter 5, his genealogy of chosen people.
- (7) The genealogy of Terah
- 1] The life of Abraham, the patriarch
    - He received the land as a promise.
    - He received many descendants

- He received the promise of universal blessing.

2] How can we interpret the life of Abraham?

(8) The genealogy of Ishmael 25:12-18

(9) The genealogy of Isaac 25:12-18

1] Archeological evidences

Nuzu (Tupchitila)

Tamiah

Nashiwee

Jacob (God protected)

(10) The genealogy of Esau 36:1-37:1

1] 36:31

There was evidence that His Edomite king was the man after Moses. (Green)

(11) The genealogy of Jacob 37:2-50:26

1] Chapter 49 is not Jacob's word.

2] The blessed character of Jacob's prophesying

**[Question 1]** Read lecture one again and answer the following questions.

1. Name four important persons who came out of Genesis. – Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.
  2. Say the frame of Genesis briefly. - Chapters 1-11: Primitive history 12-50: Patriarchal history.
  3. Read Genesis 1:26-27 and apply the principle of GSPEC to the text.
    - 1) God-
      - (1) “Our likeness”(26-27) – Trinity God, the original image of man  
= I should find my true image out of the trinity God: the father-God, son-God and the Holy Spirit-God. His righteousness, mercy and faithfulness are my true image. The restoration of God’s image shall be gotten by attaching to the Scripture which is the source of three elements (Mt 23:23).
      - (2) “Let them rule over ...” (26) – God who appointed the man as the steward of all things. = I am not the owner but the manager of all things. As the manager, I should live with ownership in my life. Because I should report what I did to the real owner, the Lord and shall be evaluated by Him, I should be conscious of the stewardship of my time, my body, my talent and my materials.
      - (3) “Created a male and a female” – “God created a male and a female.  
= Gay culture entered into the church, but we should stand firm on the order of the creation. The Lord did not make a third sex in the earth.
    - 2) Sin- None
    - 3) Promise- none
    - 4) Example- An example that God treated the mission more preciously than man **(26)**  
= I should be faithful in the mission of God towards me. The mission is my life and it walks before my existence.
    - 5) Commandment- none
- = My finding truth -I, created in the image of God, should live for the mission He gave to me. Because of the priority of mission, I exist for it.



## Lecture 2. Pictorial Concepts – God of Creation

1. Triangle- ***The creator is the sole personal trinity God.***
  - 1) The above part – ***The father- God said***
  - 2) The right part – ***The Son-God is Himself the Word of God***
  - 3) The left part- ***The Holy Spirit-God accomplished the Word by his love (Merahaphet)***
2. The three squares of right side - ***The work of creation reveals the symbolism of recreation (redemption)***
  - 1) The first figure – ***the Light***
  - 2) The second figure– ***the expense***
  - 3) The third figure –***the land***
3. The double ground surrounded the Trinity God – ***God created all things in goodness.***
4. Two men – ***God made man in the image of God.***
  - 1) The first part in love sign in the breast - ***righteousness***
  - 2) The second part in the love sign in the breast – ***mercy***
  - 3) The third part in love sign in the breast - ***faithfulness***

## Lecture 1, God of Creation

I. Text: Gen 1:1-31

II. Key verse: Gen 1:2

III. Survey:

God's decree that was made by the divine council of the Trinity revealed the glory of God. The economy planned to reveal the glory of the kingdom that shall be filled with God's characteristics: righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. These are the image of God in the beginning, in the processing and in the consummating by God Himself. And also the work of creation reflects the work of redemption that he began, executed and accomplished in the same way. The Father God created all things and God the Son executed it and God the Holy Spirit fulfilled it by sustaining them in history. The revelation of creation in the Scripture began with a simple statement, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (1:1). In it, we learn who the creator is, what the character of the creature is, and who the man made in the image of God is, as a masterpiece of creation.

IV. **Explanation:**

In light of redemption, we obviously know the meaning of Genesis Chapter one.

1. God of Creation (Gen1:1-5)

The man loves to find the answer to every issue within Genesis because the book applies to every issue: the world, creature, family, Eden, sin, work, mankind, nation, Israel and salvation, etc. The main issue of creation and evolution is solved by Genesis 1:1 in an obvious manner.

That one verse is sufficient to introduce the majestic great God who created all things out of nihil (*nothing*) or, being. Therefore, the oriental philosophy that all existing beings came from a source (*Chabda*) and the evolution that amoeba has been developed into man through a long process is disproved as just hypotheses. Rather, the verse reveals the sacrificial love of the Spirit of God who worked marvelously in changing the chaotic, empty, deep and confused world into a beautiful world. (1:2) "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." Here, *merahepheth*, meaning hovering, is a unique redemptive term that is related to Moses's writings. He used the redemption of Israel by comparing it to the action of an eagle that bears its kids on its back and trains them by making confusion in their nest. "[11](#)Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions,[12](#)the Lord alone guided him, no foreign god was with him. (Deut. 32:11-12)" Just like the affection that a hen has for her eggs as

she waits for them to hatch, the God of creation has the same affection for the world he has worked on. In the unique warm heart of the Trinity God who is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the world of chaos, depth and darkness was changed into a world of order, life and light. When Elohim God declared the word of God, the world of time and space was made by the role of three persons in one God.

## 2. The creation that is filled with goodness (Gen.1:6-23)

Because God is good, the world was filled with goodness. On the first day, God made the light; on the second day, the heaven, the cloud, the sea; on the third day, the earth; on the fourth day, the sun, the moon, the stars; and on the fifth day, many kinds of fish and birds. And on the sixth day, he made cattle and man. Whenever he created each day, he was extremely pleased and expressed this by saying, "It was good." For the last creation, he said, "It was so good," as an evidence of the good creation. Because of the identity of God, goodness, love, and faithfulness were planted in every creature; creation was filled with God's goodness. As the psalmist of Psalms Chapter 19 observed, the creatures of the world were filled with the splendor of eternal love and faithfulness. The day speaks to the day, the night to the night although there is no speech, and no sound is there, and they reveal the work of God in the universe. If man did not commit sin, they might feel the love and faithfulness of God immediately and enjoy his wonderful character and He would make them become renewed in His image daily.

How does the work of six days of creation expect the redemption work, the recreation? John and Paul saw the redemption as the background of creation working in it. We can find several symbols of redemption in Genesis chapter one.

- 1) The Light (*Gen1:1-5*) – The first creation of God was the light. The light, "ha ol" in Hebrew is the original light that is separate from the sun (Job 38:19-20, Is. 30:26, Act 26:13). First, the Light is the actual light that points to Christ, the source of all things (Col 1:17). Therefore, Christians have the reality of the light and become the light of world that moves them into the life out from the darkness. Second, Elohim God, who points to the majesty, created the light. What Moses used Elohim than Jehovah stressed the one who cannot be compared with the idols. He is the God of personality that is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Father God speaks, the Son God is the Word itself that was spoken, and God the Holy Spirit is the executor that applies the spoken word to everything and makes them relevant. This was dependent on Christ who became the time and space of history. Just like the magi saw the great star, the Christian who has the true light has a real blessing because they live by means of the power.
- 2) The creation of expanse (*Gen1:6-8*) – What does the creation of expanse on the second day mean? First, the expanse is the space that is able to be divided between the heaven and the earth. The expanse, "*richia*" in Hebrew, means to crush, or break the iron or the ice. It means that the empty space is filled with something. This action that divides

and harmonizes the expanse is the first symbolism that suggests the character of biblical salvation. In every area Christ enters into, separation and union should be changed (Gen. 3:15, Jn 5:24). Second, the firmament that divided the upper waters—the clouds—and the lower waters—the ocean—was the background in which the kinds of fish and the kinds of birds were able to live (20-21). It reveals the detailed love of God who takes the responsibility for clothing, feeding, and lodging His creatures. It also reveals a deep significance that God warned against the idolatry of materials and made them seek daily food by living a God-centered life.

3) The appearance of land (*Gen1:9-13*) –The creation of continents that floated out of deep water also has the meaning of redemption. First, the deep water represents the world and its evil sin. It was creation that pulled the land out of the water from a state of confusion and emptiness. It seems to be the obvious symbolism that God saved us out of the abyss of death and the curse because of our own sin. God who saved us out of the waters of evil sins is the creator who can save us out of any troubles. Second, He rescued us by His word. The word that God spoke was the main tool of the Trinity God. Through his commands, God made all kinds of plants live on the earth. Here, all kinds and sorts refers to gender. The word of God that made the genes of all plants was the seed of nature and the conscience and the revelation of salvation, the Scripture. This word is the life of the Christian. Third, God who made the earth that became the background of all plants, made it so that the land can enjoy abundant life by resurrecting our hearts that were dead due to sin and corruption. So we should permit Christ to rule over our hearts.

4) The lights in the sky (*Gen1:14-19*) - The creation that was made on the fourth day were the lights in the sky. By these lights, four seasons are controlled and occur automatically. First, the sun, the moon, and the stars have no divine character. Historically, the worshipping of the sun, the moon, and the stars came out of an ignorance for their original purpose that they control the rhythm of the life. They are just simple creatures of God (14). Their light focuses on the earth and controls time (15). It is so surprising that our redemption is accomplished in the coming of Christ in humility. Secondly, the silence of the role of the stars makes us inclined to focus on the creator (16). He made us live in the spiritual law that the sun also can be submitted for our redemption (Joshua 10:13, Is.38:8). The Christians who are saved out of sins by faith live in Christ, who is a brighter light than the lights of creation.

5) The creation of kinds of fish and kinds of birds (*Gen1:20-23*) - The creation of the fifth day, that was related to the creation of the second day, was the kinds of fish and the kinds of birds. Here, what is the creation? First, other living organisms in contrast to the life of plants were made (20). The findings of grace that God prepared made us concentrate on the abundant healing of redemption (Ezekiel 47:12). Second, creation expects new creation to us because the *Bara* in verse 1 is revealed again here (21). The progressive development

points to the role of symbolism representing the renewal of redemption (II Corinthians 4:16). Third, God giving his blessings first appeared here (22). God himself blessed them to detract from the idea that living creatures have a self-supporting function in them. The man who has true wisdom concentrates on his work of the creation order and learns them in humility in the empty philosophy of evolution.

The psalmist who found the depth of creation and recreation sang to the Lord and praised the Lord for His eternal goodness and love in Ps. 107:1. Paul also claimed that God concealed his divine character, power in all things that they cannot help praising Him and singing in Roman 1:20-21. The term, "said" is the pre-incarnated Christ (Jn1:3). Of Christ, then, we cannot help but praise the mysterious redemption. We who were saved out of our miserable sins appreciate his goodness and his love. We also learn thanksgiving and humility because such action must be the response of all creatures.

### 3. God's Image (Gen.1:26-31)

Basically, the man was made into a unique being in contrast to other creatures because man was created to resemble the image of God. The meaning of being created in God's image is not by external elements but inner elements of the character of God: righteousness, mercy and faithfulness (Ephesian 4:24). So God revealed his characters in all creatures, or the world, and especially revealed his will through man. However, the corrupted man cannot reveal the image of God but instead reveals the image of Satan. So the man who becomes dark with sin shall be restored only by believing in Christ through faith and they shall gradually be changed in the Holy Spirit.

Today, the transformation of culture and the social reformation without restoration of God's image may be a certain word-play. True reformation and new transformation should be dependent on the restoration of the lost image of God. When we reveal the image of God one by one in both our purpose and in our lives, it shall be the way to success. The Creator God who created all things wants to reveal the glory of God by revealing His image. Among them, making an image that resembles God is aimed to enjoy the character of God and to be filled with his character in the world.

The Scripture explains the reasons that man should pursue the image of God. First, it is an example of life (Gen. 1:26). The creation in his image means to make them in his character: righteousness, mercy, and faithfulness. These are the metaphor of treasures that John saw the Son of Man on the throne reveal: jasper points to his holiness, the carnelian his righteousness and the emerald his faithfulness (Rev. 4:2).

Second, it is the power to accomplish purpose. Three missions: the birth and the prosperity in occupying the earth, and the power to rule all things in Gen. 1:27 do not come from man but from the character of God. So we should take care of the image of God within us within the family, the society and the world by faith. The Holy Spirit came to work on this mission in the world. Third, it is the best blessing to us. After he finished creating all things, the first

blessing was to plant His image into the man. So man received an authoritative position to rule over all things. Therefore, we should respect the position that plays into the divine character and sustain it faithfully.

Conclusion:

After the creation, what did the creator do to appreciate the creature (Gen.1:28-31)? Until now the term, "it is good" appears 7 times, but here the term, "very much" was included. And what does the accepted one learn? First, he learns humility. When anyone has contact with majestic nature, the grand cosmos, and the mysterious living world, they naturally learn humility. Moreover, whenever we think of the creator who created them by His word, we shall be humble. Second, we learn thanksgiving. The intention that God created the man last after he finished making all things is to teach appreciation. My property is not mine but comes from God. Through our requests, God promised that He shall provide the best things to us, so we must have thanksgiving and praise. Third, we learn love. He made creation reveal the glory of the creator by separating some things, being in harmony with one another and interrelating to establish God's will. The man that believes in creation can live the beautiful life.

**{Question 2}** After you read the lecture 2 again, answer of following questions.

1. Who is the light in verse 3 in Genesis chapter 1? Compare it with the creation on the fourth day. – It was Christ, the essence of all creatures. The light of the first creature was Christ who was pre-incarnated. The light of the first creature is the source of all lights.

2. What is the image of God in detail? – It points to resemble God's character spiritually and ethically. The man, as the image of God, should reveal God's righteousness, mercy and faithfulness that dependent on God's character.

3. After reading Genesis 1:6-13, apply the principles of GSPEC to them.

1) God- (6) the Almighty God who can create all things into existence by his word and separate them from one another. By His one word, he created firmament and division between the upper water and the lower water and made harmony. He can arrange my confused heart by giving the word and can make harmony by dividing them into new divisions. So I should concentrate on accepting the word of God.

2) Sin- none

3) Promise- none

4) Commandment- (9) let the dry land appear in the water

– Just like how the land and sea was separated and ordered by the command of the Lord, I can be ordered by the word. When I am in confusion, I should apply the word to myself and be ordered. The Lord can work wonderfully regardless of if we stay in a dark situation. Let us order ourselves in the name of Jesus just as Joshua temporarily stopped the sun by his order.

### Lecture 3. Pictorial Concepts - The Garden of Eden

1. Circle around the throne of God- ***The Garden of Eden is a place of blessing but the Sabbath day is the day of blessing.***
2. Stairs in the mountain and a ray of the light shone through a prism- ***The divine fellowship is the purpose of creation.***
3. Scripture scroll on the left side- ***The core of the first commandment was to love only God and be filled with God's image.***
4. A table on the left side – ***the first family was a micro heaven.***
5. A man who was driven out of the Garden of Eden with surrendered hands- ***Autonomous is the core of all sins.***
6. The pictures on the left side and the lower figure – ***three symbols of salvation***
  - 1) A man who is knelt down while bearing the cross- ***Jesus Christ, the descendant of the woman.***
  - 2) The clothes that Adam and Eve wore – ***the animal leather that suggests the substitute of the death of Christ.***
  - 3) The tree that has hanging fruit on the left side – ***The tree that suggests Christ, the life***



### Lecture 3. The Garden of Eden

I. Text: Gen.2:1-3:24

II. Key verse: Gen.3:15

III. Survey:

Genesis chapter 1 focuses on the creation of all things and chapter 2 focuses on the creation of the man. And chapter 3 reveals the depravity and punishment of Adam and the covenant of grace reveals at first.

This lecture explains how the image of God began and what sin destroyed and how it was restored.

IV. Explanation:

In Genesis chapter two, we see the establishment of the Sabbath day, the establishment of the Garden of Eden, the first commandment and the first family that comes out of the creation of Eve.

#### 1. The Day God blessed (*Gen2:1-3*)

To settle the regulation that the Sabbath day is the day of blessing aimed to keep the day of blessing by revealing the example of God. When the man breaks the law, he shall escape out of the darkness and enjoy true rest. To prohibit personal affairs, recreation, work and to honor the day and to keep it as the day of Jehovah (Is. 58:13). Above all, that day is the day that we must be gathered at the church. Work that was done on the six days should be prohibited and the door of the heart should be opened by thanking God in memory of creation and the recreation. (Calvin) "Then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken" (Is. 58:14).

What is the purpose in establishing the Sabbath day? First, it is the day to remember the creation of God. The term "the seventh day," occurring seven times, was distinguished from the six days which were only remarked on 3 times. God made an accomplishment to fill every space of the sky and the earth with His love and faithfulness. As God set all things in the proper place, God prepared every best grace for their redemption. Second, it is focused on spiritual rest. The problems in the spiritual state of God's people during the 6 working days shall be solved by concentrating on worship, which is the relationship with God. On the Sabbath day, rest is more important than the day.

Moses uses chapter 2 to reveal how God created the man as the climax of creation. First, God needed the man. This point that expressed this—"so God created man in his own image, in the image of God he create him; male and female he created them" (1:27)—

makes us think of a man-centric creation. God needed a manager that takes care of all things and who also should reveal His image to the world. He is a humble loving God who needed a man in order to glorify Himself. Second, the man is a being who has no source. When God created the man with soil, it proved that he has nothing in his existence and that he is a dependent being, not an independent one. Paul's confession teaches us the substance of creation in silence: "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me" (I Corinthians 15:10). Therefore, the autonomous is inclined towards the way of destruction. Third, he is a living soul. God put living breath into his nostrils. The Spirit of God who was hovering on the surface of darkness, emptiness and chaos covered him with an unveiling love for His creation. Just like the work of the Holy Spirit reveals the creation of all things (Gen. 1:2) and also to the writing activities of the Scripture (II Tim3:16), the creation of the man followed the same line in order to stress that only the communication of the Holy Spirit can do it. God's love to the man should be emphasized by the creation of the Garden of Eden.

## 2. Fellowship of the Garden of Eden (*Gen2:4-14*)

By time, the blessed day is the Sabbath; by place, the Garden of Eden. The purpose of God creating the Garden of Eden was to put a manager who should take care of all things as the center of all things. By such a meaning, Eden is the copy of God's throne and temple and sanctuary that is filled with the presence of God (4-8).

Moreover, the Eden was made for a fellowship with God. Verse 8 suggests that God is the owner and the man is a customer. Immanuel means to be with God, and also the eternal life that knows God experimentally (Jn. 17:3). Naturally, the place that takes fellowship becomes the garden of delight (Ek. 28:14). Although it is important that the good environment of Eden brings delight (Ek. 28:13), it is more important to take the fullness of grace and truth that comes from a fellowship with God. Although our families have fallen down into a miserable dark condition, if we are restored by prayer and word, we can enjoy the full rejoice of Eden.

And what meaning do these four rivers give us: Bison, Kihon, Hidekel and Euphrates that come from the holy mount of God and are filled with the glory of Shekinah? First, it reveals the salvation of Christ. As the rivers come out of Eden (10), only Christ is the salvation and completes it (Jn. 4:14 14:6). Second, it levels the living river of the Holy Spirit (16). It reveals that whoever believes in Christ has an outpouring of living water that points to the abundant stream of the Holy Spirit in their heart because He is the Spirit of Christ (Jn. 7:38-39). This is the symbol of the life (Rev 21:1-2). Third, it reveals the development of civilization formatted in the throne-centric biblical culture. Therefore, we should beget the fruit according to faithfulness in present things, because this is related to the present blessing and the heavenly award. (Mt 25:14-30)

After that day, God created the female. Why did God make a woman who has the image of God just as Adam has? First, He does not please his loneliness. (18) Just like three

persons is oneness, Adam—who was made in the image of God—also needs to learn the union. The oneness with two persons of husband and wife reveals the best thing to us. (18) Second, it teaches the importance of union through the couple to help (20-22). The image of God begins with the personality of a person and is expressed through the union with his neighbor. The salvation breaks the union with sin but creates a union with God. It is an example that the church should learn to unite between a female and a male. Three, it teaches the love of God. Adam looked at Eve and confessed “Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man”(23). It was the confession of true love. The fact that God made Eve with the best thing for Adam that suggests God’s love. The love of God in creation was revealed more strongly in the redemption that God sent his begotten son to the world.

### 3. The first commandment (*Gen.2:15-17*)

In order for God to keep the blessed environment continuously and have a better world—that is, to have mankind who has the eternal life—God gave a commandment at first to them (16-17). This commandment was just like a multiple vitamin which includes all laws and commands. What are the commandments? First, it is the command to love only God. The Lord said, “Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full” (Jn. 16:24). Paul also committed the Ephesian church to God and the gracious words (Acts 20:32) because he assured that loving the word means loving the Lord. Second, it is the commandment that demands absolute obedience. As the degree of obedience depends on the object of obedience, as the creator gives the commandment to us, we have to respond with absolute obedience. Moreover, the commandment was described as the tree of life revealing the way to receive the source of blessing by choosing God and His will.

However, Adam unhappily lost the good chance and fell down onto the earth and had no any hope. The second Adam, Jesus Christ, restarted it. We who abide in the gospel enjoy such blessings.

### 4. The First family (*Gen 2:18-25*)

In the world, God made two institutes: the church and the home. Why did God provide the system of a couple as a unit? First, the man learns that love and obedience to God through the life of couple (Ephesians 5:22-25). God provided a wife to a husband as his helper and a husband as her head to rule over the wife in her longing for her husband and his ruling over his wife. (16)

This is the blessing the Lord provides. The home is the actual preset environment to learn love and obedience of heavenly life in the future. Second, through the union of the couple they can learn the union between Christ and the church. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (24). When we have couple conflicts, couples are able to have hope as we return to the love and obedience of the first couple.

Moses clearly reveals the recreation that was concealed in the shadow of creation in chapter three. He describes several symbols about how man lost the image of God, what results followed them and how there was a restoration of God's image.

### *5. The first Sin (Gen3:1-7)*

How did sin come to the man? There were several stages. First of all, the tempter, the serpent, began with a question that made them doubt. "Now the serpent was craftier than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'"(1)? It was a negative question that encouraged complaints and resentment. Even though all negative questions are not unbelief, most unbelief appear as the negative. Such doubt is the main tool of Satan. In the next step, he attacked them by lying. "But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die" (4). The devil confronted them to go against the first commandment. He tempted them with sweet talk to turn them away from a relationship with God and to be chosen by Eve herself. Finally, Eve chose the autonomous and ate the fruit and led her husband to participate in the thing.

The stages to commit sin follow us in the same way. The only way to overcome such temptation is to be attached to the word of God.

How did the first sins begin and what result did it bring to them? First, it began with the temptation of Satan (1). Satan—who lost his position and was corrupted—made them give up their relationship with God. He came to Eve who was weak. Second, it brought problems in listening to the Word of God (1-3). Satan attacked her with a negative question and made her doubt listening to the word of God. To attach to the Word of God is a blessing. Third, the aim of Satan was to have man fall down into autonomy (6). She chose the prohibited fruit according to her intense corrupted desire. That little action led all people to fall into death.

And what result did it bring? First, the fear of death happened (10). This was the horror of death with no love from God because the God who approached the sinful man was the judge. Second, they escaped from the face of God. (8-10) The activity to hide his shame under a fig leaf shall be moved by hiding themselves behind the high mountain (Rev6:16). The one who follows unrighteous things escapes from the face of the Lord and remains in the darkness. Third, they were controlled by the burden of guilt. To the question of God, "Why did you hide?" Adam did not take responsibility, but pointed to Eve's temptation because his conscience was controlled by some burden. We have to praise the Lord because of Christ's merit.

### *2. Where are you, Adam? (Gen3:8-13)*

This was not the end. God who created them came to them with righteousness and love. First, how was God's righteousness revealed? "And they heard the sound of the LORD God

walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden” (8). It points out that God did not walk in the Garden of Eden silently, but like the sound of a siren. God approached them as a righteous God and judging God. So, they hide with a fig leaf in great fear. Every sin will stand firmly before the seat of God’s judgment. But even though he is a fearful God, he is also a gracious God and merciful God with grace and love.

God provided a chance of forgiveness to man (9). The question, “But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” was a chance of forgiveness. But they replied only to escape the responsibility (12-13). Whoever takes responsibility and seeks forgiveness can receive grace from God, for it is true repentance (Acts 2:21).

God punished their sins. First, to the serpent, God punished him to be cursed to live on the earth unlike the other animals because he executed as a servant of Satan, even though he was created good by God. This revealed the declaration to destroy Satan (15). Satan and his affairs were demolished by the death of Christ. Second, God added the pain of birth to Eve (16). Although the direct birth is a blessing, the pain reminds them of their committed sin. However, God permitted that their original mission should be executed in pain. Third, God offered Adam’s toil of labor (17-19). Work itself was one of the blessings but God added the sweat and the pain. Finally, he punished with death. But this death shall be occupied by Christ’s death. We have to raise the death of Christ, the death of all death.

#### 1. The first salvation gospel(*Gen3:14-19*)

Generally, Genesis 3:15 has been called for the original gospel because it revealed the destruction of Satan and sins and the method of salvation out of sin. It teaches the character of gospel to us in an obvious manner. First, the salvation is to create enmity toward Satan and to unite with God. “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” (3:15). Christ made us put enmity between Satan and made us unite with God (Jn. 5:24). Second, this salvation should be accomplished by the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ. So Paul emphasized that “Christ was begotten by a woman” (Gal. 4:4). Third, only God had accomplished this salvation without discussing with us. Because God revealed his own volition in saying “I will put enmity.”

What did God do to reveal His righteousness? First, the leader to commit sin and his servant were punished. God permitted that the covenant of work contracted with Adam (2:16-17) was accomplished. As soon as they had fallen, God soon offered a way of salvation through the seed of the woman, Christ Jesus, in promise of God’s independent claim. Later, Paul understood this wonderful fact and proclaimed that God shall destroy Satan under the foot of the saints (Rom. 16:20).

#### 4. Type of salvation (*Gen3:20-24*)

The revelation of the restoration of God's image comes here first as "types," or "shadows," of salvation in detail. The word says: "And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them" (21). It suggests the death of Christ (Jonathan Edwards) because the leather clothes result from the death of an animal. And the covering by it refers to the cover of their shamefulness. Only the death of Christ our Lord could cover the shame of our sins. Therefore, we who abide in Christ have no any condemnation (Rom. 8:1). It mean that we are forgiven by his merit (Heb 10:17). We receive the salvation not by the shadow but by the reality of salvation, Christ. Only the death of Jesus moved us from death to life; it moved us from the power of Satan to the power of God without judgment.

Here, symbolism of salvation was revealed again. God promise salvation but he created it as a process of salvation. First, he prohibited them from the tree with the fruit of the life (22). God limited the rapid spread of evil sin until Christ, the tree of the life, come to the earth. Second, God drove them out from the Garden of Eden (23). By punishing the man who polluted their fellowship, God made them understand their misery of sins and the grace of salvation. And by permitting the construction of culture, God made them learn the meaning of true freedom, returning to the Lord. Third, God commanded that the angels should guard the way into the Garden of Eden. This means that the sinner cannot approach the garden (24). It suggested that only the blood of Christ can allow us to approach the throne (Heb. 10:11-14). We should trust only in Christ and his cross.

#### Conclusion:

The man who lost the image of God can have the way of restoration through the descendent of the woman, Christ. Although he lost the glory of the holy Garden of Eden where he was filled with the presence of God, he can return to God only through Christ. Moses looked at the glory of salvation and the grace of the restoration of God's image, the revelation of recreation, and wrote the Torah; however, Paul who saw his face in salvation—that shall be fulfilled by the first coming of the son-God—was impressed by seeing the transformation of God's image (II Corinthians 3:18). But it was different from the transformation that Moses had with the covered handkerchief, but it was the transformed image so that we can directly see his face (II Cor. 3:1-14).

**[Question 3]** Read lecture 3 again and give your proper answer to following questions.

1. Who rests in the Genesis chapter and what is the purpose? – The day is the rested day that God himself took rest. God demanded that the people should take rest by keeping the Sabbath of God in remembering the creator and enjoy the rest of God by meditating on the word of God.

2. What is the purpose that God made the Garden of Eden? - The Sabbath day is the day of blessing and the Garden of Eden is the place of blessing. God invited man into that place to take fellowship with him in the love of God.

3. Read Genesis 3:1-7 and apply the principles of GESPC to them.

1) God- (1, 3) God who requested the voluntary obedience of his word. –Although Adam knows the word of God, he needed the positive obedience.

= Am I a man of knowledge or a man of obedience? God is waiting until the moment that we obey his word unconditionally with unconditional faith. This is the purpose of my thought.

2) Sin- (1, 4, and 6) Crafty temptation of the Serpent- Satan made them break their fellowship with God by themselves by choosing the prohibited fruit.

= Although I admit the authority of the Word in my actual life, I claim my will over my God's will. It means that I fell down into the temptation of Satan. I have to love the word of God in order not to fall down into Satan's temptation.

(6)– Eve was stimulated by Satan's temptation and picked up the prohibited fruit and gave it to her husband. The autonomous is the root of sin.

= Where does my desire stay? In God or me? Secular things are a means to fill my desire with.

3) Promise-

4) Example-

5) Command-

#### Lecture 4. Pictorial Concepts – True Worship

1. An altar in the center of picture- ***True worship is the first teaching that Adam, who was driven out of Eden, learned.***
2. A bloody animal set on the altar- ***We can meet God by depending on the merit of Christ's death***
3. The trumpet, castle, and the figure of construction that built a house – ***God did not remove common grace out of Cain who failed to worship to the Lord.***
4. Both contrasted figure - ***God allowed that the line of Cain concentrates on the work of the culture and the line of Abel to worship God in the fear of the Lord.***
5. The first man who was raised under the ray of dove - ***The first revival that occurred at the time of Enos.***
6. A worshipping figure of a family with two persons standing in the center - ***Enoch experienced the second revival as the fruit of harvest of the revival.***



### Lecture 4. True Worship

I. Text: Gen. 4:1-5:32

II. Main verse: Gen. 4:3-4

III. Survey:

The man failed because he broke the covenant but God, despite man's failing, opened the door of salvation. This was for the restoration of fellowship that was the purpose of creation that God had worked faithfully. The promise of the seed of the woman and the leather clothes revealed the symbolism of our redemption. Moreover, here, we can find another symbolism, to establish the altar. So, Adam and Eve had learned to establish the altar to worship God, first of all. And then they taught it to their twin sons who imitate His image first. This opened the closed door as the only way to meet God. It means that true worship shall obviously be accomplished by the blood of the seed of the woman. The redemptive revelation was revealed through some prophecies, figures, shadows and personal experience of the worshiper. Just this stream of worship divided mankind into two parts. In other words, the line of Cain and the line of Seth appeared by this worship. This appeared by the principle of sin, the autonomous and the principle of righteousness, the God-centric stream. And also this is like choosing action among the tree of the life and the tree of the Knowledge of good and evil. True worship receives eternal life but the false worship cannot be released out of the curse and the death. He who lost the image of God shall be restored by worship and shall produce righteousness, mercy and faithfulness in them, and execute as the mean of restoration that shall be filled with God's character for their society and countries. However, if they despise the principle, they shall not escape out of the deep snare of their sins and their dark curse. This shall be accomplished by the unique role of the Spirit of glory; only the person who walks with God can taste it.

Through these two chapters, we think of the wonderful revival works that God accomplished by reviewing the historical stream of two lines, Cain's line and Abel's line.

IV. Explanation:

The man who was driven out of Eden still could not escape out of the merciful hand of God because what they eat and drink comes out of God's common grace. Still the work to beget, to be prosperous and to manage remains continuous. Although they have sin, God bestows mercy on them in order to overcome things with their natural wisdom and power. The grace of family that Adam and Eve started was also continuous. Culture work—agriculture, shepherding, construction and invention of music instruments—also began with God's grace. But by teaching that all these activities have to be settled in the center of worship, only true blessing and true contentment and true rest shall come out of the restoration of God's image: righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. The method to recover such things is the recovery of true worship.

## **1. God accepted true worship (Gen.4:1-16)**

After being driven out of Eden, Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. When we observe that they offered the same sacrifice at the same time and in the same place, it seems to be learned from their parents. They probably seemed to change the truth that the restoration of true worship is the only way that the lost Eden can be changed into a restored Eden for their children. How should worship be offered to God?

First, man should offer the first thing (3-4). Cain offered grain of the first harvest and Abel offered the first sheep to the Lord. When they offered first things in their harvest, it means that their offering includes themselves as God's offering. Second, he should offer life (4). Offering the blood of the first sheep or the flour of grain means to offer their lives to God. Third, he should present his offering by faith to God (4-5). The fact that God accepted their offerings with themselves means that God is more pleased with them than their offering (Rom 12:1-2). Christ showed the obvious way of salvation for his own people by offering his sacrifice, his life, once and for all to God as a substitute offering. The living sacrifice of the Christian who believes in the sacrifice of Christ's reconciliation can return to the Garden of Eden.

Then why did God accept Abel's offering and refuse Cain's offering? Their offerings had no problems because a meal offering can be treated the same as the blood of the plant (Lev2:12). The main point was their faith. Abel offered his sacrifice by believing the Word of God but Cain had unbelief in his heart (Heb11:4).

## **2. God's mercy (Gen. 4:17-22)**

After failing to worship the Lord, how did Cain become? He was wandering because of his burden and God's punishment of his sin, but God provided common grace to him. What kind of grace did he receive?

First, after he left from Jehovah's presence, he received grace to settle in the North. By settling on limited land, his wandering heart could enjoy the rest of common grace (16). It was especially bestowed to him in the ignorant age by the limited method until Christ's coming. Second, he became a main person in developing culture. From Cain's descendants, music instruments, construction and some metal tools were created (21-22). But although these cultures were once used as tools for worshipping idols, God led them as redemptive tools that accomplished God's salvation by being used as a blooded tool. Today the fact that the church uses contemporary products effectively in order to restore God's image reveals the wonderful wisdom of God. Third, God controlled the spreading of sins by giving a fear of judgment. The warning of punishment of the murder and adultery of Leech (23-24) was a method that limited the spreading of sins. So Leech's song that was called "the song of the sword" revealed the righteous hand of God on the earth during the dark situation like the pests spreading rapidly.

Christians do not despise common grace which is the foundation of culture (Tertullian). The Christian neither compromises with secular culture nor despises it but they reform it by the Scripture, the word of God, to establish the kingdom of God. We should occupy the culture of the world by the gospel.

### **3. The first revival (Gen 4:16-26)**

The process of the development of two lines was like the process of growth of a tree planted in the field. Just like the Lord revealed in the metaphor of the weeds and good grain in planting, growing and producing, the text revealed the process of the development of the descendants of Cain and Abel. Cain's line influenced the development of secular culture but the descendants of Abel revealed the element to follow sound faith in the fear of the Lord. When we observe that Cain's line took part in making the cities (17), feeding the cattle (20), making musical instruments (21) and making some machines (22), we have to praise the Lord for his wonderful grace. But although Seth's line was featured to beget, to live and to die, God revealed obviously that God centered the worship.(26) At the time of Enos, in Abel's line, a great revival happened. To call the name of "Jehovah" pointed the church that worshiped the Lord. It proved that the grace of the Holy Spirit was poured out on Abel's line who worshiped God, the creator, against the wicked environment of idolatry of Cain's line. This was the first revival that happened after Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden (Jonathan Edwards). At the time when a secular tsunami falls upon our family and destroyed them, we should believe in the promise that God shall pour out on us (Act 2:17) and shall long for God's grace.

### **4. Let's walk with God! (Gen 5:1-32)**

The history of mankind that was driven out of the Garden of Eden flows into two lines. God's hand has led them in the view of restoring God's image, that is, the restoration of fellowship between God and man. As evidence, Genesis chapter 5 reveals how the power of God worked through God's absolute power to us. As a result of the revival of Eros's time, the fact that Enoch had walked for 300 years and went to heaven was clear evidence of the restoration of God's image.

The spirit of revival that poured out onto Enoch, the seventh descendant of Adam, appeared as a feature of more abundant and wonderful grace. Although the secular culture of Cain's line was passed on to the people, the frame of God's revival was raised gradually as the magma in the earth has activated in quiet and has happened in the center of Enoch. As the sinful places were covered by the grace of God, it prepared God's people for the eschatological day by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Although we do not know how many persons had gathered, we can be assured by the complete salvation of the chosen people. What evidence did Enoch's time reveal to us?

The first evidence is that Enoch walked with the Lord (Gen. 5:24). Enoch, who was the last fruit of Eros's revival, seemed to reveal his worship to God and to live in fear of God in his daily life. While living such a life, the power of Holy Spirit was poured out onto him. What is more important was the fact that Enoch walked with God for 300 years on the earth. This is the most obvious evidence. In this wicked world, how could he walk with God? It was only possible because the fire of the Holy Spirit worked in him. And also we cannot enjoy the Immanuel grace without working in the presence of Holy Spirit of glory. The reason that Enoch could love, submit and obey to the Lord in his family was the fire of revival that worked in him.

The second evidence was to live by faith (Heb. 11:5). True faith can be produced by the work of the Spirit. The author of Hebrew told us the fact that the main purpose of his life was to please God. It means that he glorifies God and enjoys God Himself because the revival spirit makes his purpose clear. Just as Elijah was lifted up into the heavens, Enoch was lifted up to the heavens without tasting death. It is important how the man met his last death. The Scripture also considers death to be a very important event. It is by the gracious work of the Spirit that after we live as Enoch, we shall be lifted up to the heavens at the second coming of Jesus.

The last evidence is the fact that he prophesied the second coming of Christ (Jude 1:14-15). The truth was applied to them directly—when the Spirit descends on us, we shall have visions, prophesy, and dreams. Every Christian in the New Testament is a priest and a prophet (I Pet 2:9). What did he prophesy? He prophesied the salvation of Christ and his judgment (15). According to Daniel 7:13, many angels came to the earth with the son of man and condemned every evil of the wicked during the first coming of Christ, and it shall also be fulfilled at the second coming of Christ. Therefore, the Christian should long for the pouring of the Holy Spirit and receiving the spirit of revival.

And the life that walks with God has several features. First, it has fellowship with God. Second, without blaming the time and the environment, he shall reflect the image of God. And third, it shall reveal that the purpose of our salvation is Immanuel, to be with God. How thankful it is to enjoy such salvation as Enoch did! We have to believe that the Lord shall be with us until the end of the earth (Mt 28:20) and obey his great commission.

**[Question 4]** Read lecture 4 again and give your proper answers to each question.

1. Compare two worships in chapter 4 to each other and say the unique features. – The reason that God accepted Abel’s worship was because he had the fear of God in his heart but Cain failed to have it. After he failed to worship the Jehovah, he chose to murder and wander instead of giving his true repentance. This is the main cause of his failure of worship. Finally, they had different points between faith and unbelief.
2. On what point did Cain’s line and Abel’s line each focus? - Cain tried to concentrate on the cultural works but Abel’s line focused on true worship to fear the Lord.
3. At what point did Enos’s time meet the first revival? – When he called for the name of God during his troubled time. Calling the name of God is worship and as a result of worship, revival happened on that day.
  
4. At what point did Enoch take the restoration of God’s image as his purpose? – Enoch lived to walk with God as one who pleases God for 300 years. He tried to devote himself to please God. He had begot his children during his walk with God. And he tried to have an intimate relationship with God. This means to restore God’s image by revealing God’s character as righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.
  
5. Read Genesis 5:21-22 and apply the principles GSPEC to them.
  - 1) God-
  
  - 2) Sin-
  - 3) Promise-
  - 4) Example-
  
  - 5) Command-

## Lecture 5. Pictorial Concepts - The covenant of grace of Noah

1. The houses which is floated on the waves of the flood- ***The main cause of the flood's judgment was to break apart the family by leaving the principles of God's creation.***
2. The man wearing dark clothes who was dying in the water – ***Total depravity of the Shem line who brought up God's condemnation.***
  
3. The figure of Noah's Ark – ***A symbolism of Christ's salvation***
  - 1) The animals in the ark – ***the limited salvation***
  - 2) A door and a window in the Ark – ***the shadow of Christ's mediating salvation and fellowship.***
  - 3) The altar – ***the covenant of grace that Noah received***
  - 4) The shining rays under the prism – ***the Spirit of glory that was presented.***
  
4. The worshipers before the altar that was burnt - ***Ararat Mountain reveals the presence, authority and control of the Holy Spirit in the kingdom of God.***

## Lecture 5. The Covenant of Grace of Noah

I. Text: Gen 6:1-8:31

II. Key verse: Gen 6:22

III. Survey:

In what state did mankind, who was driven out from Eden, live until the judgment of Noah's flood and how did they keep the word of God? "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (6:5). In that day, evil sins rapidly increased. After the creation, the dangerous line was drawn at the state of climax.

IV. Explanation:

Paul, who knows of the events that happened before the flood of Noah, which was begun the sin of a man, included the sin of all people (Rom 5:12). The sin spread from one man to another and from one culture to another culture until finally, God Himself regretted the creation. As we had thought already, let's compare the two lines of man with each other.

### 1. The features of the two lines

Genesis 4:-6: reveals the history from Adam, who was driven out of Eden, to Noah through two lines that occurred after the event between Cain and Abel happened. Chapter 4 reveals the line through Cain, and chapter 5 reveals Abel's line.

As the salvation of Genesis 3:15 began with the separation, God's salvation proceeded by dividing "the woman and the serpent," "the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent". After they were exiled from the Garden of Eden, the first separation was the event that happened between Cain and Abel. The character of the separation reveals the division between the God-centered man and self-centered man. We can arrange the grace and blessing into two lines by the following:

#### 1) Cain's line (4:)

(1) The murder and the adultery continued (4:8, 4:23-24). Jn 8:44 says "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

#### (2) The development of civilization and culture (17)

- A. Construction business (17) - Cain established the castle.
- B. Farming business (20) – Yabal was the father to take care of the cattle.
- C. Arts (21) - Yoobal was the father of the one that played the harp and the flute.
- D. Mechanic civilization- Tubal Cain was the father of the mechanic civilization.

Although civilization and culture is a blessing of God, their development that was not the God-fearing life was the main tools that increased sin. The contemporary sins that were rooted in sins brought up the fruit of drug, sex, alcohol, and divorce that were the causes of the destruction of western civilization.

## 2) Seth's line (4:25-5 :)

Seth's line that was just revealed in general events, deaths and births, was still faithful to the original mission of God even they seemed to be a weak line.

(1) Abel- He offered himself and his offering to God.

(2) Enos (4:26) - "At that time they began to call on the name of the Lord."

(3) Enoch (5:22-23) – He walked with God for 300 years and had his children and was lifted up to heaven without dying.

Although the world focuses on the weak points of godly persons, God leads the plan of redemption through them. Here, we can see true redemption that is accomplished by union with God. Among such corruption, God led a new work through a person, Noah. And also God worked his purpose by giving His favor to Noah (6-8).

## 2. The Sin of Seth's line

Although Cain's line was corrupted, God entreated that Abel's line, which feared the Lord, would fall down into miserable corruption by compromising with the world (Gen 6:1-11). It came out of the married life. The sons of God married with the daughters of man for their beauty. What is their sinful state?

1) Before condemnation, the world was so dark. The spirit of God entreated greatly. They rebelled against God although He provided a lot of mercy to return to Him. Because their sins were so severe, God could not help Himself but judged them with the flood. The nature of God's image, righteousness, was changed into unrighteousness, the holiness and the mercy into violence and ungodliness, and faithfulness into unfaithfulness. Even the chosen people left God by compromising with Cain's line; therefore, the condemnation followed them naturally.

Why did God permit condemnation? First, it was because Seth's line was corrupted. Their marriages caused them to fall into a miserable state (1-2). Such confusion happened in the married life. Here, the angels were not angels.

For God could make Nephilim that was a giant tribe, we cannot find some criteria of it. The absolute standard of God's sons had disappeared. "Any of them they chose" makes a point that the standard of their choice and behavior was "themselves", that is the autonomous, which was the view of their values, their worldview and their lives that had departed from God. It suggested that extreme rebellious confusion shall occur in the church and families before the second coming of Christ. Second, the sins covered the earth and heavens. The climax of world culture reveals the last symptom of the destruction of the world. Third, the heart of the people was changed into flesh. How much was their heart corrupted? It



revealed total depravity (Rom3:10-18). Moses described them in four characteristics: 1) the universalism of the sins- “all” 2) the inner character of sin – “the thought and the plan in their heart” 3) the eternal character – “always” and 4) the character of the sinful activation – the reason that reveal the conflict between the flesh and the spirit.

What is it about our world? Shall our family, our occupation, and our churches escape from the condemnation of the Lord? We should accomplish our salvation with fear and trembling (Philip 2:12).

### **3. The Flood judgment (Gen 7-8)**

The Holy Spirit reveals the facts that the flood myths of Ancient Eastern areas and Genesis events prove the flood of every area. The merciful God was pleased that only Noah and his family entered into the ark in order to rescue them from the severe judgment. This is the revelation of Christ’s salvation through symbolism. We can find three characteristics of His redemption out of these two chapters.

1) The Ark - The Ark was the only ship of salvation for Noah and his family and the chosen animals. God, who prepared it for 120 years, made them enter it. Here, we can find the salvation of the Lord by revealing the fact that the chosen animals came by themselves and the door of the ark closed by itself. Actually, this ark is the same symbolism of the Garden of Eden, tabernacle and sanctuary that points towards Christ who shall come back on the eschatological day.

As it is deep dark the light shines brighter, God’s love who prepared the ark of salvation shines brighter. The ark that symbolized Christ or the church was prepared for Noah and his family (20). And God was pleased to save them by establishing the covenant (18).

Historically, the salvation has only been accomplished by God himself (Philippians 1:6). Adam, who could have absolutely obeyed the will of God, instead broke the covenant by disobedience, but Jesus restored the covenant by obedience. The principle in the New Testament—that whoever repents and believes in Him shall be saved out of their sins—depended on this covenant. Therefore, to believe in Christ as my Lord and my God is to respond to the covenant. So when we think that as we believe Christ, our sins shall be forgiven and we shall have the eternal life and shall take authority as God’s children (Jn 1:12-13). We have wonderful grace in our lives.

Genesis 7:1-24 reveals another character of salvation; God Himself works as the Lord of salvation in Genesis 7:1-24. It is a surprising text because it reveals the lordship of salvation in revealing God’s Lordship; if he closes the door, nobody opens it, but if God opens the door, nobody can close it. It rained for 40 days and water gushed out of the fountain and wells on the earth, covering all the earth and completely killing all living animals. We know that the last judgment shall occur by fire on the last day on the earth. (II Peter 3:20)

However, God did not forget his mercy and led Noah, seven persons and the prepared animals into the ark. The Lord of salvation to us is obviously not man but God.

### 19) The Protection of the Spirit of Glory

And this ark reveals a picture of God protecting his own people. The Spirit of glory reveals the salvation by hovering on the water just like in creation when the Spirit of God was hovering on the surface of water (Gen1:2). And also the pillar of the glorious cloud and the pillar of fire covered the church of the Old Testament. The hand of the Holy Spirit held onto the ark until it arrived at the mountain Ararat in the fearful judgment of the Lord. After they came out of the ark, God healed the state of misery with the wind of Holy Spirit. The work of the healing of the Holy Spirit restored the earth by the power of healing by covering all the earth. It suggested wonderful salvation, the re-creation that God shall complete in the future through Christ.

He is the Lord of great healing (Gen 8:1-11). The miserable state of the flood judgment was very dark and very frustrating. Here, we see that God who hit them, healed wounds in verse 1: "But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided." How did God cure them?

First, God healed them by the wind of the Holy Spirit (1-14). Of course, God made the natural wind blow, and the Holy Spirit worked in it for healing. *Ruak* in Hebrew has two meanings: The first is wind and the second, the Spirit. The promise of prosperity was sustained (16-17). The mission of Adam—the birth, the prosperity, the fullness and management—were permitted to Noah in the same command. Although the world is separated into two sides, God's will shall be fulfilled. Third, God permitted the natural laws and the natural order (22). But God limited it as "during the earth existed." True healing remains in Christ who will come on the eschatological day. The people who believe Him and honor Him can receive true healing and true salvation (Mal 4:2).

### 3) The Altar of Mt. Ararat

Noah and his family established the altar before God and responded to the covenant before God. This altar actually represents the throne of the Lord. There, the covenant and the blessing of Adam were prohibited again. In the future, the mountain shall arrive on Mount Zion, and shall be fulfilled in Christ on the eschatological day. M.G. Kline interpreted that the last judgment shall bring about the contrast fighting between Zion and Zophen (the northern mountain), that is, the Armageddon. The holy mountain of Eden, Ararat Mountain, Mount Sinai, and Mount Zion focused symbolically on Christ. In the contemporary day, we can receive the protection of God.

Conclusion:

Until now, we can see that although the sins of Noah's day brought severe judgment to the earth, the salvation also came out of God through the family of Noah. The Lord's saying, "The last day shall be in Noah's time" pointed to this situation. We have to respond to God's calling in the day of complete salvation.

**[Question 5]** Read Lecture 5 again and give your proper answers of the following questions.

1. Say the sins of Seth's line in Genesis chapter 6 briefly. - Their families were corrupted because of their improper marriage.
2. Say the cause, process and result of the judgment of the flood. – Because of the extreme corruption of the line of Seth and their wicked consistent heart, God condemned the world. Noah built the ark for the salvation of his family during a rain for 40 days and every living animal died because of the water stayed on the earth for 150 days. By God's grace the ark settled on the top of Mount Ararat – We can see the judgment and salvation of God.
3. Compare the salvation of the ark and the salvation of Christ to each other. – Limited salvation, the salvation by the Lordship and Noah is an example of Christ.
4. At what point does the altar on Mount Ararat reveal the presence of Holy Spirit? Because Noah's altar was offered to God, we are assured that the presence of Holy Spirit shall be there.
5. Read Genesis 8:1-12 and apply the principle of GSPEC to them.

1) God-

**(1) God that made the water decrease for the cure of the demolished earth.** = God who cured the earth by sending the Holy Spirit is my God. Lord, heal my chronicle spiritual disease by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**(2) God who closed the door of the heaven—he executed his Lordship** = My God who can close and open the door of my actual issues. I want to obey according to His great hand. Lord opens my heart for your glory.

**(3) God who works progressively.**

= God who created all creatures at a moment works in time. Through that process God provides each wisdom: training, strengthening, seeing some new world, getting some wisdom and learning humility and love, to his own people. I should endure until arriving at my Mount Ararat.

2) Sin- none

3) Promise- none

4) Example- **(6-12) Noah's endurance**

= The wisdom to check up the status of the water continuously. His faithful attitude to try to accomplish God's will by using his intellect although he believed in God's wondrous work (7:3).

5) Command-

= *My finding truth- God who trains me – God can do his work by miracles, but He would rather that we use our intellectual functions instead. So I need to use my intellectual function and my activities for more growth in my spiritual life. Then I can offer my mature life and accomplish His will in grace.*

## Lecture 6. Pictorial Concepts – The Covenant of the Nature

### 1. Whole picture- **The covenant of nature (new order)**

1) The cross beside a prism – ***The covenant of nature is the soil in which the covenant of grace is planted.***

2) The rainbow concealed by clouds- ***The covenant of nature is a temporary way to control rapid secularization.***

3) People, animals and plants – ***the covenant of nature was the promise that Adam received at his creation.***

4) The iron chain that connects with the eternal world- ***The natural covenant was limited to the last judgment.***

### 2. The figure of heaven and earth - ***Two kinds of security of the new order (natural covenant)***

1) Several animals and plants on the earth – ***the first security – the prosperity of life***

2) Fence – ***second security – protection of life***

### 3. Rainbow in the cloud – ***A sign of new order***

1) Dark cloud - ***A sign of God's judgment***

2) The hand points to rainbow- ***First of all, God remember the covenant***

3) The men lifted up both hands- ***His people should remember the covenant***

4) A thorn of crown hanging on a cross behind the rainbow- ***Rainbow is a sign that points the circumcision in the Old Testament and the baptism in the New Testament.***

## Lecture 6. The Covenant of Nature

I. Text: Gen. 8:20-9:17

II. Key verse: Gen 6:22

III. Survey:

The redemptive revelation revealed through Noah's family was found by three passages: 1) Genesis 8:20-22 that reveals God's plan after the judgment of the flood, 2) Genesis 9:1-7 that reveals how shall God accomplishes his covenant and 3) Genesis 9:8-17 reveals a rainbow that is a public natural sign of covenant. The hand of the Spirit of glory holds his own people in the judgment of the flood and works in secret to accomplish the primitive salvation of Grace. So, we think that after the great judgment of the flood, God made a covenant with Noah and its sign in this lesson.

IV. Explanation:

We already listened to the covenant (Berit) several times. The basic Biblical teaching is to save his people by keeping the covenant. So we can say that the covenant of grace was first revealed obviously and very positively after the covenant of redemption and the covenant of work. God who promised the salvation of 8 members of Noah's family provided the covenant of nature as a tool and background of redemptive accomplishment. And he also provided a rainbow as a sign of covenant to them.

### 1. Covenant of Nature (Gen 8:20-22)

The covenant of nature was the promise that God established with the world of nature and the new Adam, Noah. In nature, even though it is different from the covenant of grace, they relate to one another. From above, the covenant of grace was progressively developed through the natural genealogical blood and culture in the begetting of humans and prosperity so that Enos, Enoch and Noah could experience the wonderful revival out of this stream. In such views, common grace is the womb and the soil where it can grow. As Tertullian said, the common grace is the active place of the grace of redemption.

With such a perspective, we find that God's plan, the will and the limitation to put the new order in the covenant of nature was established after the flood (Gen 8:20-22).

1) God's plan- Here we can find three plans of God: (1) "I will never again curse the ground" (2) "Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done." (3) "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." In other words, it is to sustain the first order before the flood. It means that God grows the redemption in the soil of common grace. As Elohim God declared that he can remove all people at once and can make new people who are fixed on God's will,

why did God permit these times? God pleased that although he punished Adam, at the same time he provided mercy to him. In the same way, just as he condemned the people by the flood, God pleased his own people by the restoration of nature. Only Father-God can accomplish the redemption by enduring one day as a thousand years or, a thousand year as a day until he accomplishes the secret of the Lordship.

2) God's Motive- Why did God establish such new order? Verse 21 says, "And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. "This word revealed the decree of God that is, as Gen. 6:3 remarked to us, the Spirit is not presented to the man eternally. The man need to solve the sinful desires in himself. Because the judgment of the flood could not remove the sins and sinful desire naturally, God suggested that through his intermediary work, the redemption should be accomplished by the blood of the woman's seed, according to Genesis 3:15. With all things under the sun, only one method can solve the fact that the purity of Adam should be restored out of the corruption because man cannot do any spiritual goodness in his life.

To change the flesh into the spirit is one of redemptive purpose and only Christ can do it. So because Christ accomplishes this redemption, Paul could define that the Christian is a new creature (II Corinthian 5:17). Really the first Adam brought about destruction, death and condemnation, but the second Adam—Christ—brought eternal life by his righteous work (Rom 5:19).

3) Limitation of the New Order: Here we are introduced first to the eschatological process that we should be judged by. It is fact that the order cannot be sustained in the earth, but it shall be limited only in this earth. In other words, after the redemptive plan is finished, the order of this earth shall be restored eternally by receiving God's judgment. Through Peter, we really see the prophesy that this earth shall be melted by fire absolutely (II Peter 2:10).

We should not think that the earth shall be eternal by thinking to establish an eternal plan here on the earth. Our eternal house is not this earth, but that eternal house where the Lord dwells. Although Egypt's prosperity abundantly filled our lives, that is not our house. Our dwelling place shall be Canaan, God's house, a land that flows with milk and honey. That day shall come soon.

## **2. The Security of the New Order (9:1-7)**

God prophesied to guarantee the covenant of nature. Here, look at "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (verse 1). How gracious it is! God added some promises about the prosperity of life and protection of the life in order to ensure the restoration of the new order.

1) The Prosperity of life (9:12, 7): The blessing of prosperity was offered to Noah who was the head of people of the new covenant after the flood condemnation. Two passages of “And God said, ‘And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.’” “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:” reveals God’s plan to accomplish the new order until accomplishing redemption. During the seed of the serpent and the seed of woman remain in the earth, they shall be execute the role to accomplish the redemption economy.

2) The protection of life (2, 5): Here, as a means to ensure the new order, the promise to ensure life. This promise applies to every animal in the land, every bird in the sky, every creeping living being and every fish in the sea that God committed to men for protection from outside attack (2). This promise is different from the promise before the depravity; it was offered in harmony between man and God. At first, there was no conflict between man and God; now, the unharmonized states created by sin came into the world. But the grace of redemption recovered the harmony from the beginning (Ps 11:6-8). And we can see that God commanded that animal meat should not be eaten to sustain a respect towards life. The treatment of this blood was explained by the law of murder very well. The command “do not eat the blood” was stressed again by the law of Leviticus, and until the gospel was told to the Jews, was a custom. Here, blood is the symbol of the life that is like the image of God. In other words, to murder your neighbor means to destroy God’s image; it is to commit evil of God’s existence. So God dealt that as a common grace the law of the blood became the soil to accomplish the work of redemption. The fear of the Lord in society and person was revealed by keeping such new order.

### **3. Rainbow, a sign of the new order (9:8-17)**

Lastly, Jehovah set the rainbow in the cloud as an eternal sign of the natural covenant established between God and Noah, his children and all creatures. Although such signs are not revealed to us, God’s word is effectively sufficient. Why does God give such things to us? Because God wants to mask us with a great assurance of God’s promise. Hezekiah received the grace to postpone his 15 years life with a sign inclined to 16 degree of the sun’s shadow, and Jacob saw the ascending and descending of the angels of the Lord on the ladder in his dream as the Immanuel sign at Bethel. The miracles of Christ, the cross and the resurrection were signs of his own people’s salvation.

The sign of rainbow reveals two important redemptive activities.

1) First, the cloud is the symbol of God’s judgment.

It means that they were condemned according to the criteria, “the wage of sin is death” by God. However among them, God’s grace was with them. Although the judgment of justice



happened, the rainbow, the sign of God's grace, appeared on them. According to science, as a ray of sun penetrates the water drop in the sky after rain comes down, the degree makes a rainbow. Before that time rainbows appeared, the rainbow that the covenant brought revealed a great meaning to people of the covenant. "When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth" (14-16). The sign is like the circumcision of the Old Testament.

2) Second, remembering God is the beginning of salvation.

First of all, we see that as this sign appeared, God shall remember this covenant. It is not "You shall remember my covenant, but "I shall remember my covenant." In other words, the accomplishment of God's covenant does not depend on the remembrance of man but God's remembrance. In Exodus, we see that God, who listened to the cry of Israel's suffering, remembered the covenant established between Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and God and considered them (Ex 2:24-25). How did the action of deliverance of Israel process?

According to Vos, who was a famous Biblical theological scholar, this is the circumcision in the Old Testament. So this sign was a type of Christ's cross, and was the symbolism of baptism that the Christian shall receive. Today, the cross is the sign of the covenant that we think of that was established for our salvation. The cross was a sign that the love of God and righteousness were revealed at the same time (Rom 5:8). So this is the only sign that the Lord revealed in this age. Today, the rainbow was the first step of redemptive history and also the cross was the last step of its complete accomplishment.

### **Conclusion:**

God established a "my covenant" (8-10) with Noah and his children and livestock come out of the ark through an "eternal covenant" (12, 16). It has called for "the covenant of nature" because it was a contract between God and nature. Naturally, if Adam could respond to God's demands sufficiently, he could keep the covenant of Work. But he failed by his sinful desire, so soon afterward, God intensely gave the covenant of grace to Adam (Gen3:15). This was gradually revealed to them in the history of Israel (Ps 105:). Finally, the new covenant was accomplished by believing in Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31). Every covenant with the covenant of nature is absolutely effective because it depends on Christ's death (the covenant of redemption). Therefore, you who was saved out of sin can become a man of fullness of the Holy Spirit by depending on the merit of Christ and obeying the covenant.

**[Question 6]** Read question 6 again and give your proper answers to the following questions.

1. By what motive did God establish the new order in Genesis 8:20-22? - It was God's love and mercy came out of God's decree: "I shall never judge the world with a flood again."

2. What did the life, the prosperity and protection reveal? – By establishing the covenant, the first mission was still continued.

3. Why is the rainbow a sign of the new order like circumcision? - Because God provided a mark of salvation on his people.

4. When did the rainbow covenant begin to take effect? – As soon as God established the covenant, it was effective.

5. Read Genesis 9:8-17 and apply the principle GSPEC to the following.

1) God- (9-10) – God who established the covenant for protection and love. God promised not to judge the world.

God who took responsibility for the protection for his people by giving the sign of assurance. Rainbow.

God who gave the sign of the covenant – The rainbow of my salvation is circumcision; the initial of the Holy Spirit that is regeneration is the sign of eternal salvation. (Baptism)

2) Sin- none

3) Promise - none

4) Example- none

5) command- none

## Lecture 7. Pictorial Concepts – The Event of the Tower of Babel

1. A person who prays towards the heaven with lifted hands – Noah as the new Adam prophesies the future of the children

1) One who kneels down with the outstretching of both hands - SHEM's blessing – "Praise the God of Shem"

2) One who refuses with a lifted hand in the center – curse of Ham – "He shall become the servant of servants?"

3) The last person who kneels down - Blessing of Japheth - prosperous Japheth shall abide in the tent of Shem

2. A person who stands up before the great tower – The descendant of Ham builds the tower of Babel.

1) The ladder of the tower - The motive to build the tower was coveted.

2) The top altar of the tower – The purpose to build the tower was the unification of the anti-Christ.

3) The spiral form of the tower – The construction of the tower points to the activity of human autonomous.

3. A dove and a rainbow on the assembled people – The confusion of language reveals the first union sign through presence of the Pentecostal Spirit.

## Lecture 7. The Tower of Babel

I. Text: Gen 9:18-11:32

II. Key verse: Gen. 9:

III. Survey:

Another turning point in redemptive history was the event of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11. This reveals God's plan of redemptive history which consisted of salvation and judgment. Just as God promised that He shall not punish the people with water; God made their languages confused and accomplished the work of redemption by scattering all the nations on the earth. This event controlled the rapid spreading of evil sin and provided a motive in accomplishing God's will. Here, in order for us to know how God leads his sovereignty salvation from Noah's covenant to before the covenant of Abraham, we should think about 1) the prophet, Noah (9:20-27) 2) the genealogy of nations (18:1-32) 3) the scatter of languages (11:9) and 4) the election of the Semite (11:10-32).

IV. Explanation:

### 1. A Prophet, Noah (9:20-27)

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth." Genesis 6:8-10 did not point out that he was a complete man without any blames just as Adam was before he had sinned. This expression instead represents the feature of a man who was clothed by God. The people of God reveal features of God's righteousness, holiness, and faithfulness for they walk with God in their daily life. The life of Noah was the life of a prophet. He proclaimed the judgment of God for 120 years by devoting himself to God and preparing the Ark by faith. Hebrew's author commented on this event that he was faithful: "By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith" (Heb 11:7). Peter pointed out about Noah: "If he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly" (II Peter 2:5).

However, although he was righteous with walking with God, his obedience and his preaching righteousness revealed that he received grace from God. He confessed as anybody met the light of truth, he was surprised at. We learn out of the event that Noah's

three sons experienced. There was an event where Noah was naked due to being in a drunken state (9:20). The godly patriarch and wine were in an improper relationship. Rather, the Scripture exhorts that we should not be drunk off of wine but instead should be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesian 5:18). A small failure by the patriarch gave his sons a chance to commit sin.

Today, we see that the sins in our lives are not dependent on great things but are instead dependent on small things: little choices and compromises and permitting small things. Just like Adam committed sins, David's sin followed (Gen 3). So Paul in Ephesians 4:26-27 says, "Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil." If a little chance was brought, the Devil swiftly attacks us and destroys our lives of godliness. So we should be careful of small things.

However, we concentrate on the redemptive plan of God that reveals in three prophecies about the three sons of Noah. This proposes how the eternal redemptive plan shall be accomplished as more than the blessing or the curse of a generation. The prophecy of Genesis 3:15: "the seed of a woman will bruise the seed of the serpent" reveals who the redeemer is, and what the result of redeeming action is. The prophecy of this text reveals that the redeemer shall come and who the channel of redemption is.

First, what was the plan of God that was given to the three sons of Noah?

1) Curse to Ham (Canaan) - "He said, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers"(25), "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant"(26). God's curse to Ham was given according to his unethical actions in verse 22: "And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside." This shows us that he revealed the shame of his father. His advocating action, by Satan, appeared. "And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death" (Rev.12:11). Ham who was a son of patriarch did not possess a godly life but had the personality of a serpent and challenged the redemptive history of God. The prophecy of "He shall become servant of servants" revealed his habitual unethical life—not by falling down in a momentary failure but by rebelling against God's will. Finally, it is also revealed as a sexual advocacy action.

Really, the descendants of Ham became the means of unrighteousness, the slaves of the idol that were opposite against the plan of God's redemption. It means that among all descendants of Ham, nobody can be saved and they shall finally be destroyed by God because they live against the redemption. The seven tribes of Canaan that appeared within Ham's descendants shall be destroyed. Furthermore, their lifestyle was filled with idolatry, adultery and unethical actions. They killed their children to offer to their idols and they committed adultery to serve Baal (Deut 12:29-32).

2) The blessing to Shem and Japheth **(26-27)** -

“He also said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant May God enlarge Japheth and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant”

(9:26-27).

In contrast to the descendants of Ham, the descendants of Shem and Japheth were called for the means of God to accomplish His redemption. They were the channel to accomplish the redemptive plan of a seed of the woman, who connected to the chain of Japheth and Seth’s line. In contrast to Ham’s attitude, they concealed the shame of their father. They were the channel to accomplish the salvation of the seed of the woman and received the chain of Japheth and Seth’s lines directly. In contrast to the attitude of Ham, they covered the shame of their father. “Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father’s nakedness” (9:23). Their action of covering reveals the action of the redeemer. David told us that Christ is to cover our sins (Rom4:7). Christ came to the earth to cover our shame and to forgive our sins. Such action of Shem and Japheth must be a symbolism of the main work of the redeemer, Christ; they have probably learned the godly life from Noah. And they might learn the obedience and establishing the altar. So God blessed them by seeing the redemptive life.

### 3. The genealogy of the three sons of Noah (Genesis 10:1)

These prophecies revealed the fact that was accomplished in the genealogy of Noah’s three sons. Although they had not accomplished everything, it was expressed by their distinguished features. Genesis chapter 10 reveals the spreading of this tribe out of Noah’s sons. The tribe of Japheth (“to be opened”) was spread through the region of Europe (2-5). In the day of Paul, the gospel that was proclaimed to Asia Minor was proclaimed suddenly to the Europe by starting in the city of Philippi. This accomplished God’s plan in the prophecy that the Gospel was prosperous in the tents of Japheth. But although Ham’s tribe was as prosperous as Noah’s prophecy (6-19), they fell down into idolatry, materialism, hedonism and lost the privilege of Canaan, the land that flows with milk and honey. However, Shem’s tribe (20-32) accomplished the work of God’s salvation just as Noah’s prophecy stated. This was revealed more obviously through Abraham’s work.

### 1) The order of genealogical records

As we review this genealogy, Moses’s intentions were revealed within the genealogy. He did not just say the genealogy but also tried to reveal the redemption of God intended of God’s initiation. He described the genealogies of Japheth, Shem, and Ham in order, and again repeated the genealogy of Shem.

Although we observed only this part, we learn that the Scripture is the book of redemption. This was written for revealing the doctrine of redemption only with the main material. We should not think of it as a mere historical book. If we are so concerned about the science, literature, economy and political principles instead of studying redemption, we shall lose the

principles. We must considerably listen to the saying: “the Scripture is writing about me” (Jn 6:).

## 2) The feature of Seth’s line in the genealogy

(1) The Line of Shem and Japheth- The genealogy neither revealed any features nor a considerable heritage except “who begets whom,” but they stand firm in the settled land quietly. After some days, they were revealed as people of contrast against God’s will by compromising with Ham’s descendants.

(2) The Line of Ham - Although Ham’s line appeared, it was temporary. Actually, their feature was to become leaders against God. They were used as tools of Satan to accomplish his dream in destroying God’s will. External features cannot please God. Generally, the heritages of the hero, the great person and the left shall contrast against God. The prosperity that left God is a curse that enlarged the punishment of judgment.

The seven tribes of Canaan first tasted the land from which milk and honey flows and ran to extreme idolatry, were driven out and were given to Israel. The event that changed Sodom and Gomorrah into the Dead Sea by the coming of fire raining down revealed such a stream in the contemporary day. It shows the principle of Ham where he trusted the sword as his main weapon.

## 3. The event of Judgment to the Tower of Babel **(11:1-9)**

1) Among Ham’s line, Nimrod appeared as a unique figure. He was the first warrior against God and also at the Tower of Babel, he led as a symbol that reveals the movement of the anti-Christ in the latter days. First, the Anti-Christ aimed at the autonomous that lifted up his name. Today, the teaching of the New Age that “You yourself are God” must be the contemporary anti-Christ movement. Second, the Anti-Christ aims on human union. The united movement without following the will of God shall end in jealousy, quarrel, confusion and chaos because they belong to devil, both secular and sinful desire (Js 3:15-16). Third, the Anti-Christ shall surely be condemned. God prohibited their work because He watched out for their foolish things.

Although such an anti-Christ movement has been continued in history, God poured out his Spirit on the church in order to unite his chosen people in Christ and revealed the gift of tongue as the first sign (Acts 1:1-4).

2) Gen.11:10-32 revealed the method of God’s salvation as his grace in contrast to Nimrod’s method. Verse 10-26 revealed the generation from Shem to Terah and verses 27-32 revealed the salvation by grace through the generation from Terah to Abraham to us. What is the evidence?

(1) The first evidence that reveals the work of salvation is by his daily life. True salvation should be accomplished not by human work, but by the independent work of God (Ephesian 2:8-9) because if he adds only 1 % to this work, he shall claim his right to God. It must only be the grace of God.

(2) The second evidence was the call for Abram through revelation although Terah's genealogy was the seller of idols and committed into idolatry. Abraham responded immediately to the revelation. Our salvation was accomplished by responding to the gospel heard in our daily lives. Therefore, we should praise God for the revelation of his grace that God hid from the wise man but revealed it to the children (Mt 11:27).

## 1) Purpose

The tower of Babel was begun by Nimrod who was a leader. "Now, let's ... " (3-4) was a motto agreed upon by the scattered tribes who moved towards the East out of every area at the plain of Synal. They made a city and built a tower (ziggurat) as a symbol. The upper stairs of the ancient ziggurat had an altar where the people offered to idols.

They started to make their own names rather than using God's name to the world. This was an application that the autonomous used as Satan's main tool. His autonomous character has developed into extreme humanism and is revealed as Postmodernism and the New Age movement in contemporary times. They left God out and established the community of human centric union. The heroic dream of Nimrod who was against God was developed to rebel against God by the humanistic union.

After the judgment of the flood, God's will was to scatter and serve God. This was Satan's work in replacement of the true union. True union can only be developed in the fearful faith in the Lord. When the seed of woman, the redeemer, finally comes into the world, it shall be possible.

We live in the redemptive historical time that God called for his people and gather them out of every area. To this thing, the Holy Spirit came upon us so that we became branches that are united with Christ. (Gal 3:28)

## 2) The method and result of judgment

God's judgment was revealed as prohibition by confusing their languages. (8-9) We should despise that such judging actions include the work of God's important grace. God could destroy all things and create new people who he wants, but he worked to serve two purposes: one was the prosperity of natural life; the other was to judge in relation to the redemptive plan.

### (1) Human's natural life was prosperous.

When they lived in one place, God scattered them into every area in the earth for their rapid corruption. The birth and living and prosperity and fulfillment of the earth pointed to



continuing the covenant of nature. So God allows nationalism which is limited by the fearful faith in the Lord.

(2) It had a closed relationship to the redemptive plan.

Until the redeemer shall come into the world, this union cannot be accomplished and should not be fulfilled. Therefore, God made their languages confused and scattered them among all areas. So it may be necessary to separate the culture of our thought. However this is limited until the time when Christ comes to the world as the redeemer for completing the concrete union. As the sign, God had an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and made them to speak tongues through the event of Pentecost. By breaking the barrier, the communication is made possible.

This was the work of God's union completed by the supernatural power (Acts2:1). Mark 16:17 says that this reveals that Christ crushed the head of Satan by the coming of the kingdom of God and completed the union in the center of Christ and also revealed the sign of church. The church shall be accomplished by bruising the serpent with her feet and by accomplishing a community that God expects.

Conclusion:

We have seen God's faithful hand by reviewing the history of God's redemption after Noah through the establishment of the tower of Babel—the separated turning point on the line of redemptive history despite Satan's continuous attack on God's plan—which made them turn and flow down the stream of redemptive historical history. Until Christ come in the world, the history of mankind shall continue towards unification. It was to accomplish man in the center of godliness, that is, the community that had God's image according to His unchangeable will. It rather revealed his own united church with God's image, His obvious will, that he shall accomplish his kingdom in the world. The Spirit of glory had held such dark days by embracing them to reveal more beautiful world. This fact was revealed in the age of patriarchs through Abraham.

**[Questions 7]** Read the lecture 7 again and give your proper answers to following questions.

1. What is the purpose to establish the tower of Babel in Genesis 11?

2. What did the future life of Noah's three sons depend on?

3. What are the blessing and the curse in their future?

4. Who is Nimrod?

3. Read Gen.11: 1-9 and apply the principles of GSPEC to following questions.

1) God- God who establish the righteousness of judgment – “ we”  
God who accomplishes his will in it. (Lordship)  
God who scattered them by his authority.

2) Sin - Honor centric life, the union of the anti-Christ (3-4)

3) Promise-

4) Example -

5) Command -

## Lecture 8. Pictorial Concepts - The covenant of Abraham

1. Prism in the sky cast to Abraham- Abraham received the covenant of God
  - 1) Abraham knelt on the earth – unconditional calling
  - 2) Ground and trumpet in the center of cross – The promise of becoming a blessing consisted of great nations
  - 3) Abraham who stretched out his two hands – the life of obedience
2. Three features of Abraham's life as an example of covenant
  - 1) Flaming fire on the altar – the Worship centric life
  - 2) Two ways before the men – the life of right choice
  - 3) Perfume bottle in two hands- devotional life
3. The man who was crowned lays a hand on Abraham – The people of covenant accomplish the restoration of God's image by the righteousness of God's image.
  - 1) The golden crown and long robe of a man who stood up at the throne – Christ's three positions (the king, the prophet and the priest) revealed by the symbolism of Melchizedek.
  - 2) Melchizedek blessed Abraham- The church was blessed by the union of Christ.
  - 3) Four treasures that were brighten by the Prism- the purpose of the people of the covenant is the restoration of God's Image (righteousness, faithfulness, holiness).

## Lecture 8. The Covenant of Abraham

I. Text: Gen12:1-15:21

II. Key verse: Gen12:3

III. Survey:

After the covenant of Noah, God of Shem initiated the work of salvation, that is, the restoration of God's image. Ebel and Berec among Shem tribe (10:25) and Abram, son of Terah, were the channel that accomplished God's salvation by establishing one nation. Just like how water flows beneath a thick layer of ice on the surface, the living stream of salvation flows continuously underneath the culture of idols in the complex world. God also finally revealed his reality of redemption through Abraham and his family. The journey of his salvation that began with Genesis chapter 12 consisted of the settled life in Canaan, the altar-centered life and the devoted sacrifice of his entire life. We are going to think of redemption as searching for three lessons.

IV. Explanation:

The covenant of Abraham began with the calling of God personally. It proves that the work of God's salvation shall be accomplished only by God's grace and power. Here, the principle of the Lordship for salvation was revealed directly in Genesis 3:15, the first original gospel points. In his early life, how did this principle appear?

1. Be a blessing (Gen12:1-5)

The reality of salvation that God revealed to Noah was revealed more clearly. It was summarized that God Himself made Abraham become a blessing. What was the Abrahamic covenant for salvation?

God promised the following: 1) to become a great nation, 2) to become a great name, and 3) to become a blessing. It was not only limited to Israel but expanded to the kingdom of God in Christ among all nations. The source of blessing is really only God. Despite such things, the fact that Abraham, a person, became a blessing is marvelous grace. In a way, he was the type of Christ. The reality of this covenant was accomplished in the words "all nations" in Mt 28:19-20, the Great Commission of the Lord.

Abraham absolutely obeyed God's command to go to the place that God led (4). We, as a blessing, should obey his command in order to live as a witness of the gospel to all the nations in the world.

So they reveal the redemptive characters: the altar-centered life, the obedience to God's will, and the devotional life to follow the will of God.

1) The altar-centered life (Gen12:6-20)

The fact that Abraham became the father of faith depended on the altar-centered life according to verse 8 ("From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD") reveals the feature of his life (13:4, 18). What does the altar-centered life entail?

First, it is a life of worshiping God for his glory. "For Jehovah" (7) proves that fact very well. It means that the purpose of worship is to glorify God and enjoy Him. He did not offer worship to please man, but offered worship to be accepted by God.

Second, it was through the life of worship that Abraham offered himself to God as an offering. To call on the name "Jehovah" in verse 8 was meaningful. The altar was developed like the Garden of Eden, the tabernacle and the sanctuary as a meeting place between God and us and was completed by Christ and his church. The offering on the altar is actually not the fat of animals but us and our lives (Rom12:1-2, I Sam15:22). We have to live the worship-centered life by faith in the blood of Christ according to the Spirit and the Word. The success and failure of worship depends on the quality of life.

## 2) The life of right choices (Gen13:1-18)

The salvation of the Christian began with the predestination prepared through creation (Ephesian 1:5) and includes our free will as Abraham and Lot did. What is the right choice?

First, it is the choice towards God (9). Although Abram gave up his primary right, for he stood firm at God's side, he could still live as the source of blessing. Only God is the standard of life and death.

Second, it is the choice to follow unseen things. The invisible things represents God and his will as seen through the Scripture (II Cori 5:7). Lot chose Sodom and Gomorrah as the Garden of Eden (1) and he fell down from the grace of God (13). He had nothing because he chose the visible things. We are saints who enjoy the abundant grace and blessing by following God and His words.

## 3) The devotional life (Gen14:1-24)

Except them, there is the devotional life. Genesis chapter 14 reveals the warfare of Sitchim valley (3) when Abram's nephew, Lot was caught by the enemy. Abram, who heard this news (13), fought them with 318 of his personal military and occupied their country and rescued Lot and his neighbors. As his reward, he had a chance to take all the prizes. But Abram refused it, for the victory had come out of God's grace on them. The people of the covenant should follow the will of God as a living sacrifice. God who receives such sacrifice commanded the blessing of Melchizedek (18-19).

Hebrew's author thought of Melchizedek as the type of Christ because Melchizedek blessed him (19) and Abraham offered tithes to him (20). Moreover, we do not know his genealogy and his name means peace (Heb 7:1-3).

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only the high priest whom God sent to us. He is the blessing itself, who made Abraham become a blessing, and the king of righteousness and the king of

peace who gave forgiveness to all the believers. We believe him to be the royal priest and enjoy the kingship in Him. Therefore, we should live as a living sacrifice by devoting ourselves to abide in Christ through approaching the throne of God (Heb 4:15-16).

## 2. The righteous life by faith (Gen15:1-21)

Abram, who took the victory of warfare, struggled for a long time for the fulfillment of the promise and wanted Eliezer, his faithful servant, to become his successor (3). Then how did God encourage him?

First, only God himself was his shield and his reward. Abraham's blessing is different from the world's blessing. Only God is the blessing of blessings. Just such knowledge is the source of encouragement (Ps 16:2). Second, God made sure of his covenant again (8-21). The first promised God was El shaddai, "Almighty God," which is revealed by two metaphors: the heaven and stars and the seashore sands, in order to ponder the vision of the Spirit. What he expected during this confusing time reveals his true faith because of his revelation. His faithfulness provides great encouragement.

Third, above of all, it takes great courage to have righteousness by faith. The purpose of the covenant is not to have an absolute government that points to material blessings, the high level of civilization and culture, and the superior human ethical state. It is the state that overcomes all blessings under the sun. It represents the unseen heavenly blessing. It is the restoration of God's image that consists of goodness, righteousness, faithfulness and holiness as a tool to accomplish the redemption until the due day. This shall be fulfilled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. So, in order for a sinner to stand up before God, he has to be divinely transformed to take heavenly fellowship in Him.

So Abram was changed by faith in the Lord. His good works and his entire character were not the foundation for why he became a blessing. He became a righteous man only by faith.

A certain man claimed that Genesis 15:6—"And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness"—meant a psychological change in his emotions but it is wrong. Rather, Abraham contacted the revelation in the frustration by the work of the Holy Spirit and unconditionally accepted the favor of God. Such faith is the highest gift that the people of the covenant should receive.

The reason that God revealed the principle of the justification by faith was to reveal the justification by faith to Christ in the eschatological day (Rom 5:1). If we are saved by faith, we have that same faith, the same righteousness, and the same salvation in our heart. If we approach God by only works, nobody can come to the Lord. Therefore, we cannot be prideful of it before God and before man.

### Conclusion:

We have observed the grace of salvation, the restoration of God's image, is obviously more progressive through the processing of development. The redemptive life of a person and the eschatological reality of Christian salvation were revealed in the life of a person. But that is

not all. God prepared the reality of the covenant in the relationship with Isaac who was Abraham's son.

**[Question 8]** Read lecture 8 again and give your proper answers to the following questions.

1. What is the feature of Abraham's calling in Genesis chapter 12?

2. What are three elements that Abraham devoted in Canaan?

3. What is God's revelation to Abraham who was frustrated?

4. What is the righteousness Abraham got by his faith in Genesis 15:6?

3. Read Genesis 12:1-9 and apply GESPEC principles to them.

1) God-

2) Sin-

3) Promise-

4) Example-

5) Command-



## Lecture 9. Pictorial Concepts – The Sign of Circumcision

1. The man who rises on the steps - Abraham's covenant grows progressively.
  - 1) The first stair in the center of cross - Genesis 12: focuses on becoming a blessing in the world.
  - 2) The second stair in the communion- Genesis 5: reveals the righteousness of faith and the absolute character of the covenant.
  - 3) The third stair in the center, king, servant and signature- Genesis 17: focuses on establishing the theocracy, kingdom of the people of the covenant.
2. A woman that climbs up the stairs- Abraham's covenant is universal.
3. Initial picture - Circumcision refers to the sign to plant a new heart into the heart of the people of the covenant.
4. An angel whose wings are spread- The angel of the Lord is Christ before the incarnation of Christ.
  - 1) A woman who left out of the tomb- He saves his own people.
  - 2) The sandals of the woman- He protects his own people.
  - 3) The hands and the feet of the woman who climbs up- He leads his own people.

## Lecture 9. The Sign of Circumcision

I. Text: Genesis 16:1-17:27

II. Key verse: Gen.16:19

III. Survey:

The ceremony to establish righteousness in Genesis chapter 15 was developed in the relationship between the king and his servant as the main content of the covenant in chapter 17. The covenant initiative is the God of Abraham and Abraham becomes God's people. Later, it is developed that Jehovah is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and they were God's people. This covenant was accomplished by God's purpose, Immanuel, and was settled on the community of God's image. So the covenant should be followed by three clear criteria that depends on life and death. If he keeps the covenant, it is a blessing but if he breaks the covenant, he shall surely die like an animal that is cut by a knife. After the righteousness of faith is admitted, he must be circumcised; his body must not be removed out of a sign of the covenant. Just like the sign of the rainbow, the circumcision was a sign that revealed the covenant relationship until Christ shall come in the world concretely and abundantly.

IV. Explanation:

We should examine God's hand revealed in his whole life by considering that God's promise that he shall be a blessing is revealed by the restoration of God's image. Here, external things are a supplementary; the reality is the spiritual blessing. It is the figure that God's people shall be sanctified by the remission of Christ's death, that is, the man who resembled the character of God. What did God execute mainly in the whole life of Abraham? It was to fix the covenant relationship. He, as a nomad, had lived in an uncomfortable environment which contained famine, bad climate, family safty at the foreigner region, painful separation from his nephews and had fought with the opposite as a warrior in a crisis situation. Moreover he had experienced some sorrows because his beloved wife, Sarah, had departed from the world. Among such troubles, God worked continuously to restore God's image in his whole life. In other words, he had lived a great example of faith for his personal salvation and as a tool to accomplish the salvation of God's Son. Above all he needs to know God deeply in order to know the God of creation because he had served the idols of his fathers. Then who was the God he experienced? He is the almighty God who knows everything about his own people by his power. He accomplished his will as the Almighty God in Genesis 3:15.

### 1. God who supervises everything (Gen16:1-16)

Although God promised to give him a son at 75 years old, his wife Sarah had no signs of birth until 99 years old. Abram took Hagar, an Egyptian servant woman, and expected a son. Due to this issue, Sarah was jealous of Hagar and sent her out of the house (6). Because of this, Sarah was jealous and oppressed Hagar; Abraham's family had problems and Hagar escaped to another place (6). The angel of Jehovah who was appeared by the well in Waldersee informed the will of God, and she returned to her owner. Who was the angel of Jehovah that he met? First, he knew the suffering of the saints in detail (8,11). When Hagar escaped from her owner, Sarah, and wandered into the wilderness, God commanded her to return to her owner and to obey her (9). God opened her way, although she walked in the wrong way as she did in humility. He knew the reason why Hagar escaped from Sarah and its process and its solution well (13). The Psalmist of Psalms chapter 139 wanted for himself to be examined well by the God who knows his every thought and every saying in his heart by approaching to the Lord every day (23-24). The man who comes to the Lord with all his issues is blessed. Second, he is the director to guide the best way of the saints. He also knows the way and directs it and teaches the way to them. Moses called the place to meet the Angel of Jehovah Elraheroi which means "the well of the living one who watched me".

The angel of Jehovah was God who protected his people and led them as the pre-incarnated Christ. This was the unique angel who was revealed in the day of the patriarchs continuously. A mode of revelation in the patriarch's day was the appearance of the angel of Jehovah. This name was divided to general angels: Seraphim and Cherubim, to reveal the activity of the second person, God the son pre-incarnated. These things were proven by the following facts.

1) In Genesis 16:7, 23-24, the one who was revealed to Hagar was the angel of Jehovah, and Moses said that he was God who watched out for her. The name of Beer Lahai Roi, the place that Hagar met the angel of the Lord proves that the anger of Jehovah was God himself.

2) In Genesis 22:11, 15, the one who urgently prohibited the action of Abraham trying to kill Isaac as a burnt offering was the angel of Jehovah. Then the angel of the Lord promised a blessing to Abraham (15). He called the place Jehovah Ireah that means "Jehovah shall prepare." When his people were tempted, the angel who helped them was God Himself.

3) In Genesis 24:7, 40, when Eliesel left Abraham with his direction to for a wife for Isaac, he confessed that "he will send his angel before you." Also, Elieser admitted that the angel was the angel of Jehovah.

4) In Genesis 31:, the angel of Jehovah who appeared in the dream of Jacob claimed that "I am God of Bethel." This meant that by reminding his revelation to Jacob, He claimed God.

5) In Genesis 48:1, He attributed his authority to the angel of the Lord. Jacob was led by Christ who was the pre-incarnated Son-God.

6) In Genesis 32:24 and Hosea 12:4, the one who wrestled with Jacob at the river Jobbok was the angel of Jehovah. Moses called him for a certain man. Jehovah who was appeared as image of a man was only son-God. So Hosea said that Jacob wrestled with God. This was not a metaphor, but practical fighting with the angel of Jehovah.

Moreover although Ham's descendants and Hagar and Ishmael were not related to the covenant, it probably might reveal the universal salvation that anybody can enter into the category of redemption by believing the name of Jesus and being baptized because God Himself destroyed the wall between the Jew and the Gentile. Isaiah, who worked in BC 760 had known such things.(19:24,19:19, 19:18) And he drew that the pagans nations shall be gathered at Zion and shall participate into the salvation united in Jehovah (Ps 56:3,7). God shall save his own people in the world for himself absolutely.

## **2. Almighty God (Gen. 17:1-14)**

The people of the covenant need for the God of omnipotence to be the God of omnipresence as well. The time when God promised to give him a son, his wife had no sign for 10 years and he had disappointment in his heart. When Ishmael was 13 years old, and Abraham was 99 years old, Jehovah revealed to him as El shaddai meaning the Almighty God. God made sure of his first promise again in Genesis 12: and he himself shall accomplish it. So he claimed that Abraham shall become the father who consists of all nations (4). And he gave Canaan as his eternal inheritance (8) with a sign of circumcision. (10)

Historically, although it was fulfilled in the nation of Israel, the true meaning shall be completed because the covenant of Abraham was not essentially limited only to Israel, but to all nations. Because his blessing did not point to the material physical blessing, but the spiritual blessing that is the remission. Who can accomplish this great thing? Only God can do it. Our Lord Jesus Christ is El shaddai God. So we can do all things in Him (Philippian 4:13).

## **3. God who gave the delight to Abraham (Gen 17:15-27)**

God of the covenant, the watching Almighty God, concentrates on the objects of his covenant and his covenant more than the external blessing, prosperity, system and function. God wants those who already admitted his faith as righteousness to become the actual righteous. The righteousness is a state that coexists by faith and deeds—the reality of the recovery of God's image. So God needed to train them in their faith and the best method comes from suffering. Especially through suffering, the people of covenant know God and have the desire of prayer and a longing heart in order to earn the value of the covenant.

So after God made the circumcision, God stressed the accomplishment of the covenant again by changing their names as the father of all nations and the mother of all nations in Genesis chapter 17. It made Abraham laugh, because it was impossible without God's power (17). But this was not a mocking laugh or a laugh of unbelief, but the laugh of faith.

God first made Abram have the vision of the Holy Spirit and strengthened his faith with the longing for the fulfillment of the promise. Paul interpreted it to mean that in an impossible state, he depends only on God (Rom 4:18-20). Probably when Abraham's heart received an amen of God's promise, he was fulfilled with the Holy Spirit and trusted in only God's work. Finally he was changed into the character of actual righteousness—only through the Spirit—and was filled with the delight of Eden that only the people of the covenant can have.

As Jesus argued with the Jews, the fact that he said, "Before Abraham was born, I am that I am" (Jn 8:56) might point to this situation. Although he lived in the Old Testament, he enjoyed the birth of the savior that shall be happen after 2000 years. He had seen the event in the illumination of the Holy Spirit beyond time and space. Therefore, the more blessed moment than Abraham is the fact to enjoy believing and serving Christ in the reality of the laugh.

### **Conclusion:**

We saw that Abraham's covenant was developed, that is, God accomplished great nations with His great name and became a blessing that all nations shall receive. He revealed the absolute character of God's righteousness as the foundation of the covenant in Genesis chapter 15, and also from Genesis 17:, the object of the covenant shall be Isaac who comes out of Abraham's seed. This is an important revelation that the new covenant pointed out by being accomplished by the coming of Christ. It revealed the savior, the core of the covenant (Jesus), and salvation (righteousness) and the saved (Christian) as a figure. Furthermore, we see that the activity of the angel of Jehovah focused on the accomplishment of the covenant. Therefore, we praise the Lord by seeing the richness of the redemptive economy of God that led us into the life of Eden out of the curse of sin.

**[Question 9]** Read lecture 9 again and give your proper answers to following questions.

1. Who is the angel of Jehovah who was revealed to Hagar after she escaped from her owner Sarah? Jehovah who supervised her, who was the pre-incarnation of Christ.

2. Find some evidence that the angel of Jehovah is pre-incarnated Christ.- Because Moses called the area that Hagar met the angel of Jehovah for God who supervised.

3. What does the laugh of Abraham mean? – It was the laugh of faith because he sees the laugh of the received grace of God (father of all nations), Christ.

4. List the characteristics of Abraham's covenant in Genesis 17. (Compare Genesis 12: of Genesis 15: - righteousness of faith, the absolute character of covenant, the character of universal national character

3. Read Genesis 17:1-8 and apply the principle of GSPEC to it.

1) God-

2) Sin-

3) Promise-

4) Example-

5) Command-

## Lecture 10. Pictorial Concepts – The Assurance of Abraham and Sarah

1. A woman who bows down her head while entertaining her customs – The unbelief of Sarah was changed into assurance by rebuking by the Word of God.
2. A man who is knelt down while entertaining his customs – Abraham's prayer was answered by serving his strangers.
3. A man who raised his two hands – Abraham supplicated to Jehovah as a mediator for Sodom and Gomorrah.
4. A man who is escaping while holding a rod - Lot is an example that belongs to the carnal person
  - 1) Torn clothes – the first evidence – the secular thought of Lot.
  - 2) Two persons in the fire – the second evidence – Lot's son-in-laws reckoned the word of God as a mocking word.
  - 3) The pillar of salt – the third evidence – materialism of Lot's wife
  - 4) Skives of his two daughters – the criteria of the secularity value that Lot's two daughters had.
5. Two angels who point to heaven - The faith to fear the Lord is the way of salvation during the time of tribulation and the standard of every ethical standard.

## Lecture10 The Assurance of Abraham and Sarah

I. Text: Gen 18:1-19:18

II. Key Verse: Gen18:32

III. Survey:

In Genesis 17:17, Abraham's laugh came out of surprise and confidence of his faith but in the text, Sarah's laugh came out of doubt and unbelief. However, God rebuked her for her doubt and broke her unbelief and led her into confidence of faith because God was pleased to accomplish his plan of the family-centered salvation.

In the text, we think of how the covenant of grace through Abraham's family was accomplished and the plan of God's redemption was revealed. We look at how God prepared the restoration of God's image, the essential redemption by his family. So, we first think of the confidence that Abraham's couple had and how God worked the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah for it.

IV. Explanation:

Abraham's covenant was revealed more progressively, more concretely, more strongly and more abundantly. God revealed love and mercy to his people of the covenant but revealed his righteous character through wrath to the others who also belonged to his covenant.

One was a process that accomplished his promise, but the other revealed his righteousness through the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah. The restoration of God's image brought up the buds and growth and produced fruit in such tension.

### 1. The Training of Abraham's family (**Gen 18:1-19**)

1) The delight in Abraham's family (18:1-5) – Comparably, although Abraham's delight came out of faith, Sarah's delight came out of the depression of her faith, or her unbelief, because the Lord rebuked her (18:11). But her delight had been moved to confidence through the rebuke of the Almighty God.(Heb 11:11). For she admitted that the Lord of promise was so faithful, her delight must be the expression of faith. True salvation comes from El shaddai God who fills, strengthens and completes when they are very weak.

Here, we learn how to get delight. First, we get it as we receive his will correctly (1-2). Among three strangers who were appeared before Abraham, one was Jehovah, himself (1, 13). Because the one who asked in verse 3 was Jehovah. The Jehovah attributed to pre-incarnated Son-God who before he was revealed, told Hagar and pointed the way she should go. And Jesus testifies himself before the Jew who always challenged Jesus about



Abraham who enjoyed to see the Jehovah who led his own people. Biblical revelation tells us that thanking and impression of salvation, as we accept the will of God, shall be happened. Zacchaeus also came down immediately and accepted him, as soon as Jesus wanted to visit. Then Jesus pointed to listen to only his word (Lk 9:34). This fact was at its climax in the Lord's Prayer on Mount Gethsemane. When he prayed, "not by my will but your will" (Lk 22:42), the angel of Lord appeared and served him (Lk 22:43). True joy is the fruit to be produced by accepting his lovely rebuke with a heart of thanks even if they started with unbelief.

Second, we get it as we follow the way of servant. The time when Jehovah informed the great news was the hour Abraham stood up to serve the strangers. The message of verse 10 was the blessing to Abraham. The justice and righteousness of God was established on such serving soil (Gen 18:14). This plan pointed to establishing the great kingdom that shall become a blessing. This was the promise that God called for him and offered to him. The salvation that shall be accomplished by almighty power was proven again repeatedly. At that time, what Abraham portrayed was to keep the way of servant (Heb13:1-2). When he served the strangers, he bent his loin as a servant (2), voluntarily and persistently requested to entertain them (3), and made food rapidly (6) with trained skill, that he might deeply learn such an attitude. He served them as an owner of a family to keep justice and righteousness in his personality. Although he himself was sacrificed, he had a humble heart that he considered others better than himself. Verse 8 says he stood in place until the strangers finished eating food. When Peter exhorted the church elders, he told us to have a voluntary heart, and not to take dirty benefits, and to serve God's will as the standard.

Third, as we receive the answer of prayer, we can get joy (9). Abraham received the answer of his requests of longing from God. During that time, God made him long for God. This aspiration is the vessel of God's grace. Therefore, Sarah met problems and became a precious vessel so that she could embrace the great nations. Accordingly, she received thanksgiving, impression and amazing delight.

2) Abraham's mediation (Gen18:20-33) - Two among the three strangers were angels of judgment, and the third angel who talked with Abraham was just Jehovah. Abraham, who they informed about the destruction of the city, prayed immediately to God. What was the mediating ministry of Abraham?

First, it was the passionate request. Although Abraham changed his title 6 times, God listened to his requests. Second, it was the prayer for God's glory because God could not treat both the wicked and the righteous together. The Lord shall add the others to one who seek the righteousness of God (Mt 6:33) .

Third, the prayer was answered. The Lord who remembered Abraham's request rescued Lot out of his judgment and provided wonderful love to him. We should become men of prayer and the family of prayer like Abraham did.

3) The value of the righteous (Gen18:16-33) – Through the judgment of fire that came to Sodom and Gomorrah, we learn that the value of the righteous is so precious. Because

Abraham focused on the righteous as He compromised until 6 times. They were condemned because they did not have 10 righteous men in the city. How precious the righteous are!

(1) Only the righteous can stand firm before God in Christ. Abraham was able to stand before God for he became the righteous. The minor unit of the covenant was the righteousness that allows you to be able to communicate with God. In verses 16-19, Jehovah could inform the secret to Abraham because of the righteousness of fellowship. This is the only criteria with which Christians are able to approach the living God. Abraham's righteousness in Romans chapter 4 is same as the righteousness of Christians. Only this righteousness can overcome every issue. It is the master key to heaven's door that Peter receives. The answers of prayer that our forefathers requested came out of the application of this key.

(2) Only the righteous can make the family become blessed. The direction that God chose Abraham's family to live in righteousness and justice was so meaningful. The fact that the righteousness of God is revealed came out of the important stream of salvation. The righteousness of Noah, Abraham and David influenced their families, their countries and their nations. The righteousness of fellowship should become the justice of the community, and the righteousness of faith should become the righteousness of life. This is able to be called "work." So Proverbs 3:27 claimed that long life and peace comes out of establishing this righteousness.

(2) And the righteousness can deliver society out of great crisis. Although Abraham's righteousness did not revive the whole city of Sodom and Gomorrah, it saved Lot's family. Our contemporary society shall be revived by the prayer of the righteous who are equipped with righteousness. We should go to the world of prayer.

## 2. The righteous judgment of God (**Gen 19:1-29**)

1) How were Sodom and Gomorrah judged by God? Verses 19-24 pointed that because they refused the best mercy and love of God, they were condemned Why did they receive severe condemnation?

(1) Because they were crossed into the line of danger, they were judged. Essentially, this city was beautiful like the Garden of Eden. After 25 years passed, the city that was bountiful with water and grass changed into the desolate city through the judgment of fire because the sins of the city covered the sky. The judgment of Noah's flood, the judgment of the tower of Babel, the judgment of the Canaan tribes and the last judgment of the world all happened because of the fullness of sins. Two types of sins of the city were violence and adultery. On the day that two angels visited the city, the men and the women, the young and the old tried to have intercourse with them and Lot tried to give his engaged daughters to them in replacement of the two angels. This suggested the reality of the contemporary sins in the city. And through their violence, they tried to break the door, which proved a corrupted state through their unordered works which they did not want to use discernment.

(2) Because they refused the chance of repentance. God delivered his own people among his judgment. When we see that although the city of Nineveh was so corrupt, they repented immediately by Jonah's proclamation and 12,000 people were saved in the city. If the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah repented before, they would be saved out of their miserable state. The Lord warned that the judgment of the people of the New Testament shall be more severe than this day. Now, the gospel was proclaimed to them not by the angels but by the Son of God. The call of the "righteous Lot" means the choice of Lot. The love of God was revealed here, keeping silent and examining them by the petition of the righteous. As a last chance, He sent two angels to make them repent.

(3) Their judgment had provided the chance of mercy. God saved his chosen people among His judgment. When He destroyed the city of Sodom, a family was dramatically delivered by His mercy. The forcing hand of angels delivered four people. Here we learn that God's salvation was completed by the means of obedience. In Lot's case, His deliverance was accomplished by human obedience. And through Abraham's prayer of intercession, God saved them. (29) The righteous Lot was saved out of his miserable state by God's mercy.

2) Lot's family that belongs to the sinful desire (*Gen19:30-38*) – Here, we concentrate on a family which was saved and think of the danger of sinful desire as the following:

(1) The figure of the non-devotional Christian

We cannot find some evidence from Lot who was an object of God's salvation because the text revealed his choice of a flesh-centered life rather than a Lord-centered life. In his early time, he did not go to the city of Sodom directly. Living in the middle, he gradually moved to the city after being influenced by Sodom's secular culture. It proved that Lot lived a life centered on visible things. And he served his belly rather than worship. When Sodom was attacked by secular culture, Lot did not pray to God and did not repent his sins because he was controlled by sinful culture. He received the evil influence of the environment easily. Lot's son-in-laws had no godly power for they despised God's warning as a word play. Although the angels exhorted them from the last evening to the next day's sunset, they rejected them and the two persons did not feel the serious conviction of judgment. If the angels did not help, it was very dangerous. He served his own belly than the worship to God.

(2) We see the secular figure in Lot's wife. Lk 17:32 exhorted "Remember Lot's wife" to us. Despite the catching of the hands of angels, Lot's wife despised the warning and turned around; she became the pillar of salt. Just as in Lot's time, when we are marrying, buying, selling and building the houses, our Lord shall suddenly come in the world ( Lk 17:28-29).

(3) They despised God's Word. And also the expression "two daughters of Lot did not know men" proved that they had difficulty but almost kept their faith. They were then rescued out of the fire. As we observe their thinking, they continued their genealogy by intercourse with their father which showed that they lived without thought of the biblical ethic. We find the false united movement. Although they saw that Sodom the city was destroyed for their

secular wealth and their mother was changed into a pillar of salt, they still despised the faith of the fear of Lord and pursued the worldly method because they loved sinful desire instead of the godly power in the knowledge of the truth.

4) Warning of the judgment of fire (*Gen19:15-38*) - Because the judgment of fire of Sodom and Gomorrah was such a horrible event, the Lord pointed to it as the prelude of the last judgment in the world. (Lk 17:28-30) How is the judgment?

(1) It was proper judgment.

(2) It was the judgment that a sufficient result was permitted. It was not a sad thing because the homosexual sin, which we can call the ultimate sin, ruled over that city. Their ignorant sin that they tried to have intercourse with new guests revealed an evidence of the eschatological judgment. (5)

(3) It had sufficient chances. God gave a chance to receive the angels in order to rescue his family (3). The angels pulled out his hand during his hesitant state (16) and he taught of the safe refuge to avoid tribulation (20-21). The gospel, which can save man out of sins by believing Jesus, is the last message of God's love for the salvation of mankind. As Peter's prophesy (II Peter 3:10), now we should apply this truth in our lives in order to be saved out of the judgment of fire.

### **Conclusion:**

The accomplishment of the covenant through Abraham's family revealed the essential plan in Adam's family again. It was to glorify God on the throne, to be united with God and to be sufficient only in Christ and also to live as the restoration of God's image. That life is not a dry life but an abundant life. And it is a glorious, delightful life just as Abraham enjoyed in his life. God, who revealed the truth through several processes, revealed his own salvation and at the same time he led the people who were not related to the covenant into the righteousness of condemnation.

The covenant that was completed in Christ made us enjoy greater delight and more thankfulness. God promised the grace to the church to made us understand the truth that is like a fountain. The church should walk in such great confidence like Sarah's delight.

**[Question 10] Read lesson 10 again and answer of the following questions.**

**Name (            )**

1. What does Sarah's laugh mean in Genesis chapter 18?
  
2. Prove the interpretation that one among three angels, who was appeared to Abraham is pre-incarnated Christ. - Two angels went to judge that city and an angel negotiated with Abraham before God.
  
3. What did Abraham request to God? – He offered intercession prayer for the salvation of the righteous in Sodom and Gomorrah.
  
4. Explain the standard of Lot's faith in Genesis chapter 19. – He was a carnal man who keeps the secular standard.
  
3. Read Genesis 19:30-38 and apply GSPEC principle.
  - 1) God-
  
  - 2) Sin-
  
  - 3) Promise-
  
  - 4) Example-
  
  - 5) Command-

## **Lecture 11. Pictorial Concepts – A Prophet, Abraham**

1. A man holding a cane and a globe - A prophet, Abraham

1) Embracing a globe- Abraham, who received the Word of God, proclaims his life according to the Word to the world.

2) A cane- Abraham had executed the spiritual authority of a prophet.

2. Two group separated- the promised children like Isaac

1) The divided land between two persons- As Ishmael should be separate from Isaac, the laws and the gospel have a discontinuous character.

2) Two persons above – As Isaac fulfilled Abraham’s promise, only Jesus Christ is the savior of his people.

3. Abraham below the prism- Abraham’s prosperity reveals God’s image: righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

## Lecture 11 A Prophet, Abraham

I. **Text:** Genesis 20:1-21:18

II. Key verse: Gen.21:6

III. Survey:

What was Abraham trained as a partner of the covenant by God? He was the king who established righteousness, the prophet who proclaimed the truth by the Word and life and the priest that healed problems by his intercession. In other words, he was the man who restored the image of God by ruling over his house well. So he was called God's friend and a prophet. What was the restoration of God's image that Abraham revealed us in Genesis 20-21? He proclaimed the truth as a prophet and ruled over his family as a king with righteousness and justice and also as a priest, he prayed for the salvation of Sodom and Gomorrah with his mercy, because this was basically the purpose that God chose for him. The reality of a blessing was this one. When approaching to Immanuel, the purpose of the Biblical covenant above all is that he himself should be changed into the character of righteousness. God strengthened Abraham's personality with righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. How was this revealed? The heart that served the idols received righteousness by believing in God and mercy was revealed by his intercession prayer. And although he was very weak in external areas, he had committed all things to God when God stood firm by his side. Until Isaac was born, he trusted in God faithfully and served as a prophet who obeyed only God.

IV. Explanation:

In order to understand the lesson, first of all we need to understand the relationship between threefold positions and the restoration of God's image. The purpose of restoration of God's image was the core of God's economy. This is the state that glorifies God and enjoys him. The contents that were expressed are: redemption, salvation, Immanuel, remission, the fullness of Holy Spirit and covenant. These are included in the concept of the restoration of God's image. Because the character of God is reflected by God's relationship, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness shall naturally be reflected to their neighbors. So we review how they shall be accomplished in Jesus Christ, the head of the gospel. First of all, we shall see that the faith with which Abraham laughed and the promise to become a blessing—revealed by his spiritual authority in his relationship with Abimelech—shall be revealed in the prosperity of his daily life.

1. A prophet, Abraham (Gen 20:1-18)

Abraham, the father of faith was greatly shameful in deceiving Abimelech, the king of **Geral**, by introducing Sarah as his sister in order to protect himself. If God did not help him, his godly life might have left into great **spot**. God soon visited Abimelech and warned him and revealed the fact and saved him (12:11-20). Despite being very weak and revealing his unrighteousness to free himself out of crisis by means of deceit, God called for him as a prophet (7). Why was he a prophet?

First, because he received the Word of God well. The revelation that all nations shall be blessed pointed the promise of Holy Spirit by accepting Christ as their Lord by faith. (Gal3:14) The covenant that Abraham received was accomplished by the future gospel. Therefore he was a prophet for he had mission to proclaim the gospel to the world in the perspective of his whole life. As Christ who is a reality of gospel came into the earth it was accomplished primarily, furthermore, as the church that proclaims the gospel to the world, executes the great command of our Lord shall attain to the climax. So Abraham lived as a prophet who proclaimed to. So Peter could claim that the purpose that we proclaim his virtue to the world is to proclaim the beautiful merit of the one who made us to enter into the mysterious light. The prophet should become first of all a one who proclaims the virtue.

Second, he was called for a prophet because he has been provided the spiritual authority. Actually he cured the harm of Abimelech's family by his praying. God's rapid protection for Sarah' thing was revealed by closing the wombs of Abimelech and his wives. Then God opened their wombs by Abraham's request. The thing which as we bound at the earth, the heaven shall be opened and as we opened on the earth, the heaven shall be opened was applied to Abraham's spiritual authority. Holy Spirit used Him as the prophet who healed the world. At such perspective, His healing makes we thought the healing of Christ. Isaiah chapter 61 was the text which the Lord read first as he visited at Capernaum and proclaimed the gospel at the synagogue. (Lk 4:17-18) He declared the time when the gospel was proclaimed to the poor, the prisoner was released, the blind was seen again and the oppressed was free by accomplishing in Christ and His ministry. Only healer was only Christ. Every Christian who accepted Jesus in their heart as their Lord became the healers by the gospel in the world. Holy Spirit has the sufficient power to heal all problems of world and want to heal it by the saints.

## 2. The faith that is based on the Word of God (21:1-8)

God led that Abraham himself had lived according to the Word of God for executing his main mission as a prophet. At the day when was proclaimed by oral tradition without the Scripture God had worked by God's revelation and God's method through the Spirit. The work of God through ancient and modern, eastern and western could not be escaped out of the principles of creation. As God created the world with his Word, he regenerated the people with his word (I Pet 1:23) and following the authority of all words and commands



that came out of his mouth he strengthened he had worked.(He 4:12) He cured the a servant of a centurion by the word (Lk 7:7-9) and drove the military demon out of a violent man of Gerasa by his word (Lk 8:29) and he made the storm been calm by his word (Lk8:22-25) The main job the church should do is to obey his Word directly. His word that by the natural revelation was revealed obviously reveals the authority by contacting the written words. The word shall become bright, burning, cooling, and abundant and purified as it works. (Ps 19☺ Therefore the believer who was called for in order to execute as a role of a prophet should taste the power through the relationship with the Word.

Although Abraham met some wars and many difficult environments that he cannot help himself to lie and his life was threatened, he pursued always to the revelation God revealed. He lived day and night t as a prophet that meditated the Word of God. His life and his work in tribulation made endurance, endurance training and training made hope revealed the figure that depended on the Word of God. The Apostle claimed that the life of fullness of Holy Spirit is the abundance of the Word of God obviously. (Compare Ephesian 5:19 of Colossian 3:16)

The ministry of a prophet that depended on the word of God was revealed by faith that expected only God. (3-4) God who called for at Galdea and led into Canaan accomplished at the due day and due place. Then the reason that God made them not to guess was that they always awake and keep the self-control and taken proper relationship with living God. At 25 years ago God promised at Mamre and now accomplished his promise at a tent of Gral where included Canaan. According to such things, that Jehovah shall come back at the same time surly did not point a place but focused on the birth of Isaac to accomplish the work of salvation. The answer of prayer of Christians comes out of the work of God. Although our salvation takes up and down Only God himself accomplishes our salvation. Moses at the red sea claimed to look at the God who accomplish his salvation and the faith of Careb and Joshua stressed that only God shall be accomplish.

The faith of the Word approached until the result of the Word (5-8) He embrace red baby Isaac by God's grace and the answer of his prayer. Then Sarah praised the Lord who made him laughed and made all listeners laughed. This was like praise of Hannah and Mary. (I Sam 2:1-10, Lk 1:48)

### 3. The children of promise as Isaac (Gen21:9-21)

After Abraham's family took great banquet of the first birthday, God separated of Ismael. God commanded to return to Sarah who left out of his house 15 years ago, now God pleased separation because God appointed only his seed come out of Isaac (12). Apostle Paul reveals obviously the reality of the pictorial revelation in Galatians by Holy Spirit. At what point should Isaac and Ismael should be separated?

First, the gospel is prominent. (12b)

As Isaac was the first birthday, Ismael was 15 years old. Owing to Ismael's mocking of Isaac Sarah did not please through permission of Abraham she sent him to outside. Violantly she drove out him As Paul compared these two, the law was Mt. Sinai, and gospel belongs to Jerusalem. Jerusalem is our mother and revealed the excellence. ( Gal 4:25-31) The excellent character pointed the discontinuity.

It stressed that the gospel separated of the law of Old Testament. Just like Moses and Aaron absolutely could not enter into Canaan the Law does not belong to the gospel. They are the separation between shadow and reality and type and original fact. The shadow and types shall be disappeared but the reality and original fact shall be appeared. Therefore by the law in the Old Testament, nobody can be saved out of miserable sins. The one who followed this one he never be saved. In a meaning, as Abraham, Moses and David believed only Christ who came in the New Testament, they were saved, by keeping the law they were not saved out of their sins. The author of Hebrew that knew this truth sang and praised the Excellency of Christ more superior than Angels, Moses, Joshua, Abraham and Aaron's priest position

Already Jeremiah 31:33 pointed the Excellency of new covenant God had changed the word written in the stones into the word written in the Spirit. It means that through Holy Spirit because God began all things, processed them and accomplished them John could claim that the one who the anointing was stayed in him does not need to be taught by some. ( I John 2:27) Therefor we should accomplish our salvation with fear and trembling.

Second, this division reveals that the blessing of the promised children came out of the sins. This division reveals that the blessing of the promised children came out of the salvation out of sin. Although Ismael was promised to be appeared as a great nation but could not reach to the reality of Isaac's blessing. The blessing itself that Isaac received was the blessing of Abraham that was the salvation out of sin, that is, the core of fear-faith of the Lord that Shem tribe had kept. In a short word it can call for spiritual freedom. It pointed the freedom out of sin, the hand of Satan and the flesh (corruption in a sinner). (Gal. 4:4) At that same time it pointed to heaven, the spiritual inheritance that enjoys the heavenly heritage that revealed the fruit of Spirit. Therefore Ismael who lived according to the principle of world never enter into the line of Isaac

Third, it is fact that he aimed on to abide in the Lord as the ultimate life. Third, to abide in Lord was his best goal in his life. As Isaac should abide in the house of Abraham, when the Christian abides in Christ he shall bring up the fruit. The man who abides in Christ should enjoy the richness of promised gospel by the self- denial and admitting his Lordship. (Jn 15:5)

#### 4. The secret of Abraham's prosperity (Gen 21:22-34)

In view of apostolic interpretation in the last things of Abraham we can understand what his blessing and his prosperity were. Among them we can read in the relationship with the people of Gral.

First, the evidence of Immanuel is revealed (22). As Abraham's life was informed to the native people of Gral, Amalek and Bigol wanted to harmonize each other because he had seen that God was with Abraham. The prosperity of Christian comes out of the above.

Second, it is the heart that forgives the enemy. (23-31) after Sarah was rescued Abimelrech watched out Abraham's life continuously. So he requested the harmonizing each other. Then Abraham rebuked their thief and took the contract. Abraham had lived not to convict the old faults but considered them and pardoned their faults. The way of prosperity was given to the forgiving people because he admits the Lordship and obeys the will of God by submitting God's will. One sin that the Christian was feasible to fail into the fault is not to pardon the sin of our neighbors...

Third, it is the heart that calls for God's name. (27-34) (34) Abraham planted cell tree at Belsebah and called for the everlasting God. It proved that he tried to take fellowship with God in the center of God. Covenant was accomplished always by the fellowship of worship, that is; the main theme of covenant.

**Conclusion:**

The change of a prophet, Abraham was begun with by Holy Spirit and accomplished by Him in him. From calling of God at Ur in Galdea to offer Isaac as a burnt offering to Jehovah, Abraham was trained much and arrived to the climax of his faith. After he begot Isaac several problems were happened continuously. But in them the purpose and the method of God did not changed. The redemption, the restoration of God's image was revealed by his own people and was realized by worship centric life.

**[Question 11]** Read lesson 11 again and give your proper answer to following questions.

Name (            )

1. In Genesis 21:3 what does Sarah's laugh mean?

2. Why did Abimelech want to united with Isaac?

3. Why should Isaac and Ismael separate of each other?

4. Prove the fact that Abraham was a prophet.

5. Read Gen 22:1-19, Apply GSPEC principles to Gen 22:1-19.

1) God-

(1)(v1) God who tests to his people – for training for his precious vessel to accomplish his own will. It makes us to walk to fear of the Lord truly.

(1) (V 12) God who admitted his truthful faith – He made sure his faithful faith. It means to focus on this target continuously. Finally it was proved. This was the life of living sacrifice.

(2) (v 17) God who reveled the contents of covenant concretely. – become a great nation, to get the door of his enemy and transferred the blessing to all nations through him

2) Sin-

3) Promise-

4) Example- (v3) diligent obedience of Abraham - He rose at early time.

(v18) his faith to obey faithfully

5) Command-

**Lecture 11. Pictorial Concepts- The Godly Beauty of Abraham**

1. The man who offers the worship to God lifted up with his hands – The fear of the Lord that Abraham had was examined by God.

1) The first hand that points to the heaven – the fear heart is the faith in the New Testament

2) Second hand that points the offering – The fear heart is the spirit that harmonized between fear and love by the work of Holy Spirit

1) The state that was bowed down while kneeling down – the humble heart overcomes on it.

2) *The state that surrendered with both lifted hand – He overcome by his obedience*

2. A castle and its door at the right side- two blessing that was brought up after he passed through the temptation

1) The Cross – he walks on the cross way

2) opened city door – he shall get the door of his enemy.

I. **Text:** Gen 22:1-23:20

II. Key Verse: Gen 22:12

III. Survey:

The first temptation was begun at Garden of Eden. Satan who simulated by a serpent came to Eve and raised the doubt of the Word of God and made them disobey God and made them eat the fruit of the tree to know good and evil. By Jude the Satan was the one who God driven out of heaven because he did not keep his original position. (Jude 1:6) The Apostles called for him as “ the one who controls the authority of air (Eph 2:2)” Because his main skill is to tempt Matthew called for “ Advocator”, “ evil spirits” and “ the one who tempted the world”( Mt 4:3 5, 8, 11 Devil, Satan) . Although Christ’s death on the cross bruised Satan’s head they were permitted by tempting the church until Christ’s second coming as crying lion and the shining angel.

James taught that as we are tempted as several types, we should rejoice completely (1:2). Two kinds of temptation that is, one is the temptation(*dokimos*) that Devil tries to make us to commit sin and another is trial (*peirasmos*)that God trains us to restore God’s image. Actually it is difficult to divide two clearly because as Job’s event one event includes two works.

IV. Explanation:

After we passed by the beginning and the intermediation of Abraham’s life, here we saw the life of his last year. We saw God’s work from the beginning with calling at Chaldea moving to Canaan and settling in it, by the relationship with foreign people, to the accomplishment of God’s covenant. This lesson focuses on how Abraham overcomes the temptation after that what features he had in his life.

#### 1. Abraham was tested by God (Gen 22:1-19)

In the temptation of Moriah Abraham met these two elements were worked. So a certain commentator stressed that because Job had an absolute situation he could choose although he did not response, he could be free out of guilt feeling. He could break the covenant because he was fallen down into sin, or, he could enjoy the blessing through passed by the temptation well. In conclusion Abraham through Mariah’s temptation was stood firm on the covenant highly as the father of faith.

How could Abraham overcome this temptation until he was revealed as a father of faith?

#### 1) The purpose of temptation

Because of the issue having his son he was struggled for 25 years in much trial, now he begot Isaac and pleased but at he met a trial to drive out Ismael he was attacked by another trial. It was the command of God that At Mt. Moriah he should offer Isaac as a burnt

offering although it was the trial that trained him, it was so stimulated, very difficult unreasonable trial to endure. What is the purpose God tempted so? It proved in the word, “ “ . There two times (12, 16), “now I know that you fear God “ were revealed Here we realize that the ultimate purpose of every trial of God to the Christians is to possess the heart to fear the Lord.

This fear of the Lord is like the faith in the New Testament. Repentance to God and faith to Jesus Christ in Acts 20:20 point this one. Fear in the external aspect and passionate love in side aspect means the fear of Lord. Proverb 1:7 remarks that it is the foundation of knowledge and wisdom. In Ps 2:11-12 taught to kiss the son with fear. In other words it means the co-existed heart of fear and love. This heart to harmonize between fear and love come out of the work of Holy Spirit.

When by the command of Lord the military devil that came out of demon-possessed person entered into the few thousand pigs and was merged into the Mediterranean, the region people were afraid of it and requested to leave out of their district to the Lord. Then the fear was not true godly fear because it lost love.

But The disciples who on the Sea of Galilee the Lord made the storm been calm by his order were afraid of it and confessed “Who is he to make the storm and waves been calm?” Here this fear was the godly fear. Because they took to contact to the revelation that knew who he was actually. Just this godly fear has a certain love element that try to attach itself closely to God. For this purpose God permits temptation and trial. Sometimes by permitting famine, tribulation, slipped down, shamefulness, urgent disease, chronicle disease etc. He made them moved to that place.

As soon as the order was dropped down Abraham soon obeyed and executed it directly. In verse 3 he was raised at the early and equipped with all things (wood, knife, servant, donkey and Isaac) and then went towards Mt. Moriah. Here the word, “your son, you’re believed begotten son, Isaac” (2) came in verse 12. It suggested that he should accept God at the deeper seat than the place of his son as his delightful criteria. Actually as Abraham tried to kill his son like an animal, the age of Lord suddenly was appeared and rapidly protected by saying “I now that you fears me really.” Fear and loving heart was appeared obviously here. He really was fearful the Lord, God. The angel of Lord here was the pre-incarnated Christ because he himself said like God. The focus that trinity God concerned was just this godly fear.

And this fear heart pointed the true love towards God. When the resurrected Lord asked three time, “Do you love me truly?” comparably, in the first part of John chapter 21, Peter expressed self-denial and humility and passionate devotion by confessing “You know that I love you truly”. Just the love should be included in godly fear. To approach to this place should be the purpose of God towards us. To glorify God, to enjoy Him eternally, the restoration of God’s image and the fullness of Holy Spirit are the other expression of the godly fear. To stay at the love is main blessing.

## 2) The method to overcome the temptation

Why do not we go to that place although we know the way? Because of our flesh (corruption) in us we can go to that place. Because it worked in Abraham he tried to save his life by giving Sarah as a bait of a liar. The flesh is like the sever poison of a venomous snake. This was like the heart to serve idols and the liar of Cain who responded boldly as "Am I the person to keep my brother?" Although it was so evil, he was trained by several temptations, after that he was lifted up to the advanced level. Here we find two methods to overcome temptation.

[1] Humility - He did not excuse and chose the way to become a fool before God. This was wisdom. Slow temptation does not exist and the proper temptation comes to us. After he got begotten son Isaac and as he was grown up very well and he drove out Ismael and also put his affection heart to Isaac, God demanded to have Isaac as a burnt offering. Although he could response to God by some excuse to his order like offering his children to Moloch idol, he executed it directly. He got to rise at the early time in the morning and bore some wood with his servants and walked for three days. The most difficult moment might be the time when he got some conflicts in his thinking. When he climbed up on the mountain only with his son without walking with his servants, to the question of Isaac "Where is the offering for us?" Abraham answered that the Lord Himself shall prepare." The fact that he could overcome this suffering of his broken heart was his faith of resurrection. He assured that God can live the dead again (Rom 4:17) when he answered to his servant "We shall come back", already he saw the glory of resurrection with the lowest heart and walked the way of cross. Only the humble heart can overcome the temptation.

[2] Obedience - The humble heart beget the obedience. He obeyed as to the word of God directly without reducing any things. At the appointed place he erected an altar and made his son laid on the bed and tried to kill him. It was not to mimic to kill him. He had obeyed to kill his son until trying to kill him by picking in his heart. His obedience to believe in God and to try to kill his own son made to overcome the temptation. Obedience shall be possessed to the man who found the absolute God. Just like Abraham to execute towards the goal with humility and obedience according to the Word of God must be the short way to overcome temptation.

## 3) The result of temptation

(1) To Abraham who overcomes the trial God promised two blessings. Those are, (1) First blessing was make him walked to the way of cross. According to verse 13-15 God made him replaced Isaac into a male lamb. And he called there for Jehovah Ire. It reveals the substitution of Christ. It pointed the cross of Christ who shall accomplish the salvation for his own people by his death on the cross. Christ is Jehovah Ire. Like God prepared



everything for Abraham at the mountain of Jehovah, only in Christ everything of knowledge, wisdom, future etc. is prepared.

The blessing that were provided to the man who was passed the temptation is to bear cross. Why is it the blessing? Because cross includes all things. Wisdom, richness, power, authority etc. So Paul could say that the only pride in his whole life was the cross of Christ. The man who threw away his cross for his abdomen is against the Lord and the servant of Satan and shall not enjoy the abundant grace.

[2] The one is innate blessing; verse 16-17 remarked that he shall get the door of his enemy as the external blessing. In Genesis chapter 12 the blessing of great nation and prosperity was developed more in the Genesis chapter 22. It includes a promise, "your decedents will take possession of the cities of their enemies" Here in Genesis 3:15 the prophesy, "He shall bruise the head of serpent" was revealed more concretely. It suggested that some enemies against the cross shall attack powerfully to us. But like the rapid flowing river the Redeemer, Christ Jesus who shall come (Ish 59:19) destroys all and shall lift up the head of his own people.

How did Abraham change after being passed this temptation? Buying the cemetery of Sarah, the dead with paying money and responding the requests of Abimelek for peace, and being blessed through his last wife Keturah reflected a sanctified beautiful figure in righteousness and gentleness.

The trial of Abraham now has continued in our lives. Nobody can contrast against God's passion in order to make them possessed the lovely heart in true faith, the fear of the Lord. He provides only trial that he can overcome and give the way to avoid them. By enduring them with humility and consistent obedience and knowing the blessing of the person who walks to the way of cross we overcome every enemy and finally we shall reveal the image of God.

## 2. The sorrow of Abraham's family (22:20-23:20)

As Abraham's devotion that devoted even his only son to God made sure the past promise. After that time in Abraham's family a great sorrowful event was happened by being hunted his heart shapely. It was the departure of his wife. In verse 1, for 127 years

She attained to the appointed time and was passed away and sorrowed and cried we find his much love to his wife. In the thing that is related to his wife we saw the mature figure of Abraham. After Moses who described them wrote the event to offer his begotten son, and recorded a little the genealogy of Abraham's relatives in Haran. And her funeral remarked simply. Here how was the personality of faith of Abraham's last state?

First, He looked at the eternal world and was faithful to the family. (1-4) how was Sarah's 120 years life? She was as a sister a beautiful woman. She lived with Abraham and received

the same promise of Abraham at the urgent time as she obeyed Abraham's word she influenced on the maturity of Abraham's faith. So we saw that she called for Abraham as my Lord; she showed an example in Christian family life. Although she gave Hagar to Abraham as a concubine but persecuted her who begot a son, still as a Mother of faith, she begot Isaac with the same faith of Abraham.

As she was passed away at 127 years old, on 37 years since he begot Isaac. So Abraham was sorrowful and lamented. Here two obvious lessons are 1) every blessing in the world is limited and temporary. So we should live towards the original home. According to the lesson the Lord said that the son of man has no the plea to set his head we should realize that more important fact should our heavenly mission than safe refuge. More urgent work than the funeral of parent, the supporting family should be to follow the Lord. We also aspire the day and prepare our death well.

2. He was admitted as the friend of God as he was sorrowful. (5-8)

Men admired the good thing and flattered to them but were so cruel to counsel and mercy on the sorrowful. First of all they please to treat to them with criticizing attitude. But Abraham was called for the prince of God by the people. After we finished our running in the world can we listen to an evaluation, "here was lied the man of God"? Oh the man of God who obeyed the word that avoid out of these things and pursue to only righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patient and meek was true beautiful.

3. He followed righteousness in everything. (9-18) although Ephron permitted to take the land and the cave of Machpelah free, Abraham bought them and after paid silver 400 shekels. The figure of righteousness that paid the proper value at every deal was unchanged in his old age. He disliked the easy benefits without sacrifice. We should live not to be helped but to help to our neighbors. This is the way of the normal Christians.

### **Conclusion:**

The last figure of Abraham was a godly man who had the mature personality harmonized by the restoration of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. The thought of the Unearned income and the priceless income gotten by little thing is able to become a mud snare that one who receives God's grace is erasable to be fallen. We should proclaim the beauty of our godliness like Abraham as Paul's heart that he lives in grace of God, to the world. (1 Pet 2:9)

[Question 12] Read lecture 12 again and give your proper answers to following questions.

1. What is the purpose of temptation that offered Isaac as a burnt offering on Mt. Moriah?
2. How did he overcome his temptation?

3. What are two blessing to the one who overcome this temptation?

4. Though the departure that Abraham's wife left out of the world what point he reveals his righteous deed to us?

3. Read Gen 22:20-23:20 and apply the principle of GSPEC to the text?

1) God-

2) Sin-

3) Promise-

4) Example-

5) Command-

### **Lecture 13. Pictorial Concepts- The Meekness of Isaac**

1. A dropping man in the center place – the self-image of meekness in the whole life of Isaac.
  - 1) A man who is holding a cane under the ray of prism – the obeying person of covenant should be a vessel of meekness.
  - 2) A knee of prayer – meekness is produced at the secret room of prayer. 3) The left hand pointed to the family – the meekness reveals in the life of faithful family.
2. A figure in right circle – Isaac’s family
  - 1) Four strengthen standers under a diving table – the trained family by the providential suffering
  - 2) Praying family – the training family by praying
  - 3) The family under the rays that shines out of the heaven – the family to pursue God’s guidance.
3. A man who holds a wine bottle and shouts out – Esau’s sin was to despise the sound faith
4. There ways in a figure- Three ways that release out of the blasphemed sin.
  - 1) The first way - We have to know the value of covenantal obedience.
  - 2) The second way- We have to fear the Lord.
  - 3) The third way –We have to try to repent

[Question 13] Read lesson 13 again answer following questions. Name (                    )

1. Through the life of Isaac as the receiver of covenant where do we find his gentle character?
2. What does “to meditate at the wilderness” mean in verse 63?
3. How much was Isaac faithful to the family? Compare it with Seth’s line in Genesis chapter 5.
4. In what point was Esau spiritual childish man?
5. Read Gen 25:27-34 and apply the principle of GSPEC to the text.
  - 1) God-
  - 2) Sin-
  - 3) Promise-
  - 4) Example-
  - 5) Command-

1. A line separated two men - Esau and Jacob were divided by their attitude of the inheritance.
  - 1) The cross established at the left side - we have to have redemptive view of the life.
  - 2) The man who a knife are hold in his hand at the right side - We should be careful of spiritual childish attitude.
  - 3) Music signs on the cross – we should enjoy the grace of redemption.
  
2. The man who was kneeled down on the rock – God promised the absolute protection to cotangential people.
  - 1) The crown of thorn on the head – To the family of faith also some temptation are attacked by Satan.
  - 2)The attitude to kneel down - our victory are warranted in every
  - 3) A hand out of the cloud - God provides the power to overcome them.
  
3. The bridge connected to three steps in cloud – blessings for covenantal people
  - 1) First step - The blessing is the restoration of God’s image through Holy Spirit.
  - 2) Second step – The blessing is transferred by spiritual authority.
  - 3) Third step – to come true the blessing we need devotional life.
  
4. Three steps under the rock – Right attitude to the inheritance (blessing).
  - 1) First step – we should aspire the inheritance.
  - 2) Second step – We should admit the spiritual authority
  - 3) Third step - we should receive the grace of Holy Spirit..

I. **Text:** Gen.25:19-27:46

II. Key Verse: Gen 26:4

III. Survey:

The truth of redemption that Esau and Jacob, who were born in Jacob's family, revealed was inheritance. Generally inheritance points the land, the material and the talent as visible things; we think that our inheritance is heaven and spiritual blessing as invisible inheritance. So Paul explained the salvation of all Christian as their inheritance and heaven. There why did Paul claim that the inheritance is abundant? We can think three things. 1) it is the source of all things. 2) It was satisfied truly and it the precious present whoever enjoy. Acts 20:32 says, "And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. " and also Ephesian 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, " Here the Apostle points the blessing includes abundant inheritance, the hope of calling and strong power of resurrection. In a short word it is redemption. Why did the Apostle claim that the inheritance is so abundant? We can think three things, those are; 1) it is the source of very thing. 2) Because the man to know it shall be sufficient, and 3) it is the precious present that we enjoy from now to the eternal life.

IV. Explanation:

The fact that the covenant of grace that Abraham received first was given to Isaac and Jacob , ignoring Esau, followed the economy of God. We can find that the covenant that followed the type of inheritance by comparing of the lives of two men.

1. Eternal inheritance (Gen 25:27-34)

The reason that God revealed continuously ten genealogies those are; Adam, Abraham, Noah, Noah's sons, Sam, Terah, Ismael, Isaac, Esau and Jacob was to show the stream of inheritance. Especially The reason that God revealed to compare Esau's life of Jacob's life partly was to teach the truth about the relationship of attitude about the inheritance. Through them God dealt with the heritage about redemption. How to handle the heritage was depended on their lives as well as the future of their descendants. How can we, who left out of the Esau's line and follow Jacob's line, enjoy the abundant inheritance in Christ?

1) We should take the life-view of center of redemption. Moses intensely compared between Esau and Jacob. They were born by same parent and were grown up as a twin under their parent's prayer. Externally their genealogy, gifts, and future inheritance were same, but the different point was the attitude of their inheritance. Although Esau despised his inheritance but Jacob aspired his inheritance. Already these types were revealed to us

as in Cain and Abel, Sam line and Ham line and Ismael and Isaac. In one word the attitude of inheritance, the attitude of faith, the attitude of redemption and the attitude of the word of God was a turning point that depends upon their future.

In verses 31-32 one dealing issue happened for the right of the elder son was a criterion of decision of the present and the future although it was a small thing. It was not strange that the theme was revealed in the history of Israel. Idol, or, God, and self or, God were revealed to believe or, not to believe. (Jn3:16-5:24) This one was classified by the flesh or, the spirit sharply. So the book of Hebrews warned to caution the objects of four fear, those are; leaving out of grace, bitter root, adultery and stupid action. Especially when he treated o the stupid action, the author revealed Esau's attitude as an example, that is, he sold the right of elder son because of a vessel of food, and later although he regretted and cried out to get another blessing he could not get the chance of his repentance was called for the spiritual stupid action.

In our faith lives, we have to choose obviously among two things. The one who takes the redemption centric life enjoys the abundant life of Spirit, if we despise it; he shall be leave out of the inheritance. As an example after Peter confesses his faith he was fallen own a slave of Satan against the way of cross. But Thessalonian church listened to the gospel for three months by Paul and revealed the work of faith, the love of sacrifice and the patience of hope and could leave out of the spiritual stupid action because they accepted the word of the man as the word of God.

. We should live the redemption centric life in everything or, church life. We have to put our lives on the redemption (inheritance) by leaving money, honor and pleasure. As we focuses on that everything in Christ shall be arranged. In contemporary day of Moses, five daughters of Slobohath had known the importance of inheritance and overcome every evil condition and seek their inheritances and get them. And also Caleb who was older years old honored the inheritance and occupied Hebron mountain. Anywhere the one who honor the inheritance of redemption shall be blessed.

2) They should throw away the blasphemy thought about the inheritance.

Esau sold the right of the elder son because he could not endure the painful hungry. This action was not his simple fault but his habitual attitude to God. The author of the book of Hebrew says about his action, "unholy like Esau who sold his birthright for a single meal"(Heb. 12:16-17) unholy action was spatula serious disease. In one word. It was the flesh centric life. Although the king Saul began with humility, for his childish attitude he established the memorial monument pillar and reduced the word of God repeatedly, and finally he was fallen down into the childish place. His rebellion and disobedience was very dangerous like \* sin and idolatry. And Eli and his two sons were fallen down into the childish place. The attitude of Eli that sat down on the chair revealed his spiritual childish idle. He could not listen to God's voice and passed over in makeshift way. His two sons



were died at the battle by God's punishment in resembling his father because his childish attitude.

In the New Testament Judah was spiritual childish. Using the alms he was sold his teacher Jesus to his enemy because his covet of the money. The apostle pointed that stream in revealing such childish deed in Philippian church. Their god was their abdomen and covet was their ultimate goal. Paul wept and had merciful heart. Also this stream was revealed in unholy idle deceit of Crete island church members. It pointed spiritual unholy Christians that is, carnal Christian life. They did not enjoy the abundant life in Christ.

Therefore we should careful of our thought. In our thought we should go to the work that Holy Spirit pleases. Above of all our change of mind should be happened. ( Rom8:6) Because the sinful thinking should be fallen down into unholy sin. Esau's childish life became the man who depended on the sword, Edom; his descendants were destroyed in living pride centric life. Their natural fortress was destroyed suddenly for God did not protect them. We are the people of God who our childish thought should be thrown away and took warrant protection.

3) We should enjoy the inheritance.

Esau despised his inheritance but Jacob lodged for it even his method was so improper. From his youth he tried to steal his inheritance through some chance by his craft means but he knew the value of the inheritance and he aspired to possess it. That was different point. This precious heart came out of God The heart that hungry to the righteousness and thirsted was the gift Holly Spirit bestowed. That was a unique feature of his whole life. This was revealed in his dream of Bethel and he seeks God at his urgent time at Bathan Aram and his aspiring heart was revealed obviously.

We should examine our vision. Among them we should take the vision of Isaiah chapter 61 those are; clothe of parsing, the cloth of redemption and the cloth of justice and should go forward take the crown of flower in replace of ash, the oil of Holy Spirit in replace of sorrow, praising in replace of anxiety (61:3) By believing Christ becoming the tree of righteousness should become our dream. According to the prophesy Christ himself revealed the example, we expect the reality of the blessing in Christ. Among them Nathanael revealed a sample. In other words, greater thing than this thing, that is, the fellowship that angels are ascending and descending shall be promised. ( Jn 1:51). Because this is the promise for church we should enjoy the promise of eternal salvation. We should enjoy the eternal inheritance . Ad also we have to take dream to accomplish the eternal inheritance. In knowing my eternal inheritance, we have to claim it.

We who lives in the kingdom that has come already should open our mouth widely and long for the grace of Lord as Thessalonian church was experienced, we have grown up as the saints who provide the influence of eternal life on the entire world any time and everywhere.

## 2. The hand of God's protection (Gen 26:1-11)

Isaac's family was an example of a family that received the inheritance of redemption. The family temptation that he was met in his family was like Christian family will be met in their lives. How could he overcome his temptation?

1) The family of faith was brought about any temptation. - Two kinds of temptation were driven to Isaac's family. One was the financial temptation. According to verse , as the first famine in Abraham's day the second trial was happened to him. The faith- family also was no exception. The natural famine attacked to Isaac's family and they tried to move to Egypt but were stayed at Gral. Then if Isaac had complained to God, probably he might be a breaker of covenant. Christian should learn the wisdom that overcomes against the temptation of Mormonism. Another trial was about the right of survival. When he was settled at Gral, he had felt the threat of his life by attacking of primitive tribe, finally he was fallen down into deceiving his wife as his sister. (7) The godly patriarch lied to the people. Such temptation may be attacked to the Christians in contemporary day. Although we are not ascetic person who intensely enter into the pot of suffering, we should admit some suffering n the providence of God as God's special present. The misery of Siloam's blind man was not the result of his sins or, his parents' sins, but was the purpose God revealed God's glory in it.

2) In the temptation God's perseverance shall continuous. (2-5) at that time God revealed to Isaac and prohibited to go to Egypt and stay at Gral. Verses 2-5 reveals the covenant to Abraham repeatedly. It was that " ". As the only hope that Isaac took when he as tempted was the promise of God, the way that as Christian meet some temptation they can overcome shall concentrate on the Word of God. They remember the promise of Christ should solve that issue form that. So Peter claimed that the Scripture is more obvious fact than miracles. ( II Peter 1:19)

3) God's method to overcome the temptation. How shall we overcome temptation? We have to follow the three directions in I Corinthian 10:13. One is to avoid, another is to receive the power to overcome it and also the other is to wait for some help of neighbors. Gral king saw that Isaac who was surrounded around fear embraced his wife, knew that she was his wife by the grace of God. God gave the avoided way to him the method that Isaac overcome is the principle that Christian can overcome every temptation. Every temptation is the fruit that are produced out of the absolute protection of God.

## 3. We should receive the blessing (Gen 27:1-34)

After God made Adam in his image and first blessed him and after that his blessing was continued. God who wanted to bless Adam, Noah and Abraham wanted to bless us in Christ. This revealed in the benediction of high priest for few thousand to Israel well. In

Number 6:24-27 the benediction of Aaron, the high priest consists of grace, protection and peace. The church that was founded on basis of apostle should be blessed by Jesus's grace, Father's love and communication of Holy Spirit . Just like this thing, the blessing of Abraham was spiritual grace that is, the promise of Holy Spirit overpassed materials and honor. (Gal 3:14) Finally the image of God points to the fruit of Holy Spirit who righteousness, mercy and faithfulness should reveal through the whole man. Until the reality of this blessing revealed obviously in the last day God repeatedly, progressively treated how to receive the blessing considerably. This case was similar to Jacob. Therefore we have to stress biblical blessing following three things.

1) We should respect the spiritual authority, the channel of blessing. The blessing that Jacob received automatically transference but it demanded to respect the spiritual authority. Because the blessing is so precious the vessel of blessing also should be pure. Before we pray to God He knew our necessity and commanded to pray and wanted to response the best gifts through the sacrifice of prayer with tension and sincerity. Therefore the church first should ask, seek and knock every grace. We have to know the treasure in order not to receive grace meaninglessly and also through knowing ourselves as pot we should make treasure as treasure. In such meaning like the purpose the means also is very important. God poured blessing through the faithful petition of Isaac.

2) God requests the distinguishing food– Also Isaac demanded respect the authority and special food. This means devotion. The blessing without offering sacrifice can lose the value. We should devote ourselves to God in order to become grace as value of grace. When the believer who was saved out of sin offer his body as living sacrifice absolutely he can reveal the fruit. (Rom12:1-2). After Isaac received a special food of Jacob, he blessed Jacob. The reason that God demanded the special food of five loaves of bread and two fish, the special food of a bottle of oil, the special food of the last bread was to aim to bless them by participating into the blessing. When we offer ourselves faithfully to God the wonderful blessing of Lord shall be actual. Righteousness, peace and delight in the kingdom of God, totality of blessing shall be experienced through such devotion.

#### 4. The right attitude of blessing (Gen 27:14-29)

As to what we remarked already the contrasting point was attributed to their attitudes to blessing. The channel and the means to receive blessing are depended on the attitude of blessing. When we know the reality of blessing we naturally approach to them and should bow down to it to possess it as ours. As the Siloam blind was driven out of Judaism, as the Lord revealed before him and asked " Do you want to believe in the son of man?" the blind kneeled down and bowed down to Him. (Jn 9:39). Finding of the son of man makes us confessed and with confession to go to worship is natural. Three things have the stream of life- relationship that they could not be separated one another. If they are separated of

each other it proves that he do not know not yet. It means that they did not receive the revelation. So We should assure the right attitude of following blessing.

1) We should lone the blessing (14-19)- Two men executed the great adventure to receive blessing. For Jacob to be blessed, Rebecca executed boldly by making artificial method. She prepared to cover Jacob's hand and neck with goat skin and replace his cloth with Esau's cloth and made him to approach to his father with special foods, cattle meat and grape wine. Isaac who had dark sight said, "voice is Jacob's but his hand is Esau's." to kiss closely may be revealed obviously. Hosea remarked that such method was Jacob's method was sin. ( Ho 12:3-4) After that Isaac who realized his failure told that Jacob deprecated Esau's blessing by his mean craft. Although craft method was used to get the blessing, his heart to aspire the blessing was very precious. When Isaac saw that the pagan marriage of Esau (Gen 26:34) and his unholy attitude that he sold his first son right easily might be changed. The one who aspired the blessing of faith overcome.

2) We should claim the spiritual authority. (20-27) when we concentrate on Isaac, we find that he was the man of blessing. Although his physical sight was lost his spiritual authority was still because he had the heart that was filled with inspiration that he wanted to bless. In verse 25 " "means "my soul (nephews) shall bless". Because he know that his last mission shall bless to his children in his prayer, he proposed this one. He had the attitude of faith that he claims the spiritual authority And he believed in being accomplished as he blessed. Isaac said that he has no another blessing. Isaac knew the craft of Jacob but respected the hand of God's providence. He respected the contents of his petition.( Gen 12:1-2) His faith of providence that was featured in his life was revealed as a climax here.

3) We should aspire the yolk of blessing (27-29) - His purpose was not to get material and honor but become a blessing. The life that reveals the God's image was the core of blessing. This was accomplished at the eschatological day that Christ came into the world. We should become the persons who aspire it and accept it with passion and faith wholeheartedly in our lives.

Conclusion:

Moses's record compared between Esau and Jacob reviled that the accomplishment the covenant become by meeting between truths to truth. God's economy in the beginning was fulfilled by God's method on the vessel that God Himself prepared. The blessing was the internal reality expressed the external reality, that is, the restoration of God's image. To be fruitful by aspiring the blessing and offering sacrifice of the long process was the example of the people of God.

(Question 15) Read lesson 14 again and give the proper answer to following questions.

Name (     )

1. What is the clear separated line between Jacob's life and Esau's life?

2. Say the absolute protection of the covenantal people concretely.

3. What is the gospel to cotangential people?

4. What is the right attitude to inheritance?

5. Read Genesis 28:10-22 and apply the principles of GSPEC to the text.

1) God-

2) Sin-

3) Promise-

4) Example-

5) Command-

## **Lecture 15. Pictorial Concepts – The Bethel Experience of Jacob**

1. A ladder connected between the heaven and the earth in his dream – Jacob met God first at Luz.
2. Descending and ascending of the angels on the ladder - The communication with God was accomplished only by Christ.
3. Burning Altar – Jacob’s vow means the relationship between king and servant as the core of covenant.
4. A family sat down on the table - Jacob’s family was poured wonderful grace by God.
5. One who takes care of the sheep – God’s faithfulness was followed on the life of Jacob.
6. Descending and ascending of the angels- The life of covenantal people is the fellowship with God.

### Lecture 15 Jacob's Experience of Bethel

I. **Text:** Gen28:1-31:56

II. Key verse: Gen28:12

III. Survey:

Now we contact the revelation of redemption revealed in the life of Jacob, following the life of Abraham and Isaac. Abraham and Isaac revealed faith and humility and Jacob revealed sanctification through his much training life. Following the stream of contemporary age, Abraham's blessing gradually was transferred through the prepared person. Three blessing those are; 1) becoming a great nation (3) 2) being a blessing (4) and 3) receiving Canaan as a heritage (4)

That Elssadei God gave was transferred to one who believes the covenant and seeks holiness. (Heb 11:6) (9) . The personal experience of the patriarchs previewed every process from the beginning of Christian's salvation to the end, those are; foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, glorification (Rom 8:38-39) or, electing, calling and sanctifying (II Thessalonian 2:14-15).

IV. Explanation:

In the text of the foreigner life of Jacob for 20 years, by observing God's work we get some wisdom out of God's lead that redeemed his own people.

1. God of Bethel (Gen28:10-22)

- 1) When we observe God's presence revealed at Bethel where a first turning point of Jacob's life, we see the process of salvation because Jacob's God was the same God who the Christian experienced and the salvation he began, led was stood on the same line.
- 2) What did Jacob experience?

1) He met God personally

The event that Jacob met God seems to be influenced by Rebecca, his mother. As we see that Jacob obeyed any demand of his mom, we can guess that Rebecca might teach the importance of covenant. Rebecca had taken that she shall become a mother of all people in his dream. (Gen24:60). As she was barren in his body she had prayed in quiet to God and she receives God's answer. (Gen 25:22-23) through such thing we can understand that she had the fear of the Lord in her lives obviously.

But Jacob who followed to the secular method needs some training for being used by God for God's mission. He who became an escaped person suddenly because he snatched the authority of the elder son and steeled the prayer of blessing had experienced god's presence at Luz (Bethel) on the way to ward Bathanaram. This was his first experimental

event in his life. He saw a certain figure that the angels were descending and ascending on the ladder and listened to God's voice.

What does "the figure of verse 12" mean? We meet the answer in the word that Jesus promised, " " (Jn1:51). Here the ladder was changed into the son of man. It revealed the intermediated ministry of Jesus Christ that was connected between God and his own people. Just this is an expression of the eternal life. The issue of the fellowship that was happened in garden of Eden was solved by the ladder that is Jesus Christ. The ladder was the types of Christ. As Jacob see the vision, through the fear of the Lord the event that was blessed by the communication with God was the first event in his life. Despite he had wonderful event in his life, even though the spiritual fellowship was not so activating, the principle was settled in his life obviously.

The eternal life is fellowship. (Jn 17:3 | Jn 1:7 | Jn 1:7) Hebshiba( my delight) and Bbulla ( my bride) in Ps 62:4 reveals that only through Christ The union with God reveals the reality of eternal life . Through the fellowship he can know God deeply and the union with Christ not to be separated was the eternal life as the highest blessing in Christian.

So the fact that the apostles exhorted to pray without pause (ITess 6:16-17) came out of the living fellowship that we are able to possess actually. The Apostolic petitions for the growth of Thessalonian church those are, 1) the life to be worthy to his calling 2) every goodness was executed in delight, 3) the work of faith shall be revealed by the power first came out of his fellowship. And also Paul's assurance for Philippian church was to get the highest knowledge to know Christ they should reckon everything as the dung in order to take all master key that they can do all things in Christ as a self-image of the covenant people.

## 2) He made sure God's covenant

Jacob who saw the vision listened to the voice of God. The fact that God's revelation was revealed by vision, voice, Uri and Dammam, Word and miracles etc. in the Old Testament. The word that he listened to was the same covenant that Abraham and Isaac were received. This is to a great nation, great name and a blessing, here " you and your descendants as the object of blessing. This was the proof that his revelation was concreted gradually. It was expressed by " to you", " to your seed" and " to your children" two things were revealed together. In the future this shall be expressed by the blessing of all nations through the church of Christ. The fact that the promise of God shall transfer to all nations through you and your children those is, Christ and Christians was the core of covenant.

We who received this blessing of covenant should claim that this is mine. To believe Jesus was begun by covenant. We should see that the covenant shall be concreted by remission, eternal life, God's children, and heaven but in that. (1) the dream to become a great nation that is, in Ish 62:20 what it shall shine to all people and the end of earth means that the Christian shall be made a global person. (Mt 28:19-20) (2) The great name that is, to



receive the highest honor. Therefore we have to have the impression of forgiveness by meditating Jacob's vision and have to inspired experience through the grace of the Spirit. The vision and the voice should be experienced as thunderhead. And (3) becoming a blessing that is, the remission and the grace of Holy Spirit to abide in him.(Gal 3:14)

3) He vowed before God. What did Jacob response as he received this wonderful revelation? Verses 20-22 reveal three response. As an expression that personal fellowship is begun he had descion to accepted God, as "my God" (20-21). (2) He had descion to live worship centric life. It was a confidence to build the temple on his head seat.(22). And (3) He admitted Jehovah as Lord of all his property. He admitted Lordship of his own property ( money, healthy, talent, family, job, children hobby and etc.)(22)

As the Bethel experience of Jacob was settled in the center of his life, the regeneration experience of Christian was revealed as followings; Nathanael confessed " you are the son of God, the king of Israel.", Paul revealed " Who are you , the Lord?" and " What shall I do?" This is the goal, power, criteria of our lives and the core of our blessing. Jacob's descion is banner of Christian. In the meaning Bethel's experience of Jacob is the experience of born again that every Christian should taste. Because he met God personally and made sure the covenant and responded to that, Luz (Almond tree) was changed into Bethel (God's house) the den of bugler was changed into God's house.

## 2. Jacob in the furnace (Gen 29:1-30)

1) Why did God train? - Why did Jacob need that time although he was chosen man by God and was promised as a blessing by God in all nations and was vowed impressively at Bethel before God? In case of Moses was used by God after he was trained until 80 years old, and Paul was used after he was trained by God in the wilderness for 3 years, and also Jesus was worked in his public ministry after he was prepared for 30 years in his family life. Just like the pure metals produced by the fining process out of rough stones after some dirty elements was removed by God. "But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold. "(Job23:10) How did Jacob have been after his experience at Bethel as a new man, Jacob had been for 21 years in his yolk life? In chapter 29-30 we meet Jacob who was trained by God, and was come out as a pure gold out of the furnace of suffering.

2) How did God train Jacob? - Through the whole life of Jacob God trained him two methods. (1) He trained through isolated environment. Although Jacob experienced wonderful experimental event, he should experiences isolated situation. In verses 1-14 after he met Rachel the fact he cried out loudly pointed to the tear of isolated stranger. After He was fallen down into the isolated environment there he slept in repentance. Jacob caught the heel of Esau, his brother (Hos 12:3-4) and at his elder time he fought with an angel and requested in weeping to God. And Jacob in the isolated environment Jacob confronted God and he himself realized his corruption and his spirit was strengthened. (2) He was trained by the relationship to men (15-30) (1) The cover of his deceived character was taken

off by Laban (2) His chronicle deceiving character was broken through the trouble of marriage life. By his important crisis of his marriage for 7 years his sinful self was broken gradually. Every thorn around church was the hand of God that made us learnt self-denial experimentally.

3. God in Jacob's family (Gen 29:31-30:24) - After Bethel experience of Jacob the stranger days were filled with the family life to be begotten his children, the faithful occupational life. Just this time was the duration that God made the example of sanctification. As the Apostle pointed after the fullness of Holy Spirit the normal life n couple life, in the parent and children life, and in the business life Jacob's sanctification were revealed by marriage, relationship and occupational life. First, how did God work at the normal life?

1) God worked through two issues in Jacob's family. (1) Because he followed polygamy like Lamech not intensely, Jealousy and envy did not leave in his family. Among them God had worked to build the foundation theocracy kingdom through his children. Like the meaning of the names of his 13 children that his four wives had begotten his family set under the hand of God's training.

**Leah-** 1) Reuben- Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me."

2) Simeon- Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also.

3) Levi- "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons."

4) Judah- This time I will praise the LORD.

**Bilha-** 5) Dan- "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son."

6) Naphtali- "With mighty wrestling's I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed."

**Zilba-** 7) Gad- Good fortune has come!".

8) Asher- Happy am I! For women have called me happy."

**Leah-** 9) Issachar- "God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband."

10) Zebulun- God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons."

**Rachel-** 11) Joseph- May the LORD add to me another son!"

12) Benjamin – son of my sorrow

13) Dinah – the one who judges

When we observed the meaning of 13 children's names we can find that his family included abhors quarrels and contest. The family that consists of human greedy that out of the principle of creation cannot avoid out of much trouble.

2) Unchangeable faith of Jacob

Despite such thing was happened, the fact that Jacob kept his faith unchangeably was the grace of God. What is it? 1) His sovereignty faith was settled in his life. – As his lovely wife, Rachel confessed to die for her barren state for 10 years, the fact that Jacob was angry and we could not reject the hand of God proved his sovereignty faith of the Lord.

2) And another fact that his wives took the faith to cry out to living God proved it, because we see the evidences that their children 's names were related to God.

3) Later they were used by God to establish theocracy kingdom that were found by the heads of 12 tribes of Jacob. They were the foundation of church and sign of kingdom of God and cornerstone of theocracy.

#### 4. God who worked at the business place(G en 30:25-43)

1) Jacob was faithful and honest in his personal job because God hold him in his work. What are the evidences?

Because Laden understood that God provided blessing through Jacob to his house. (27) Although he returned to his home town as Joseph was born , Laban took contract to Jacob in order to stay in his house. As Abimelek saw God's work in Isaac, Laban saw the work of God in his struggling work.

And he realized God who worked through his hands. (30) In his business sacrifice and grace coexisted. The fact that he had sacrifice proved his faithful heart.

As the result, his possession became more abundant. (3-43). Although he gathered hid property by human means, but in them God's faithfulness worked. When the sheep and goats with spot were divided and were intercourse under the outside covers of the\* tree, the almond tree and the maple tree, God provided some miracles. God does not please to gain benefits without sacrifice.

Jacob's response of God's grace - What did Jacob response to God because he received blessing out of God for 20 foreign lives? 1) Although he confessed God's grace in his lip service but he did not offer the tithe and build the altar. He seemed to ignore the spiritual blessing. 2) He depended on only his head. The one who did not try to approach the self-denial should depend on his brain. God set some stumbling block before him until he approached to the self-denial.

#### 5. Faithful God (Gen31:1-20)

We observed that God paid to his family and his work of Jacob. S we walked through the night of suffering, we have to stand firm on the honest and faithful attitude as we do before God because the faithful God shall pay everything to us. After 20 years were passed, Jacob should climb to Bethel after leaving out of Batdamaram because he promised with God at early time. ( Gen 28:13-15) Although Jacob was unfaithful but God was fearfully. While God counted his moment confession He waited for that day. Who is Jehovah who led Jacob?

1) He knows all things of Jacob. Although Jacob served his owner devotedly God knew that Laban changed his salary ten times and deceived Jacob. (7-12) and the Lord knew the prayer of Nathanael under the fig tree and the hidden death of Stephen before the assembly by stoning

2) He repaid to Jacob as He did. His honest and compensation were followed to him. To become a great rich man came out of God's repay. (30-43) According to Laban's promise God executed as to the contents (7-11) God Himself showed through the angel of Jehovah in the situation of Jacob. (11=12)

3) And He led Jacob as his promise. To Jacob who became a rich man was heard of the word of bad rap, " he became the richness by stealing" And Laban's face and attitude was changed At that time Jacob listened to the word of God. ( 3, 13) As he was in bad rap the Lord fulfilled by his wonderful grace. Also when Jeremiah was prisoned in the den he heard of God's voice and passed through in the night of suffering, and also Paul pleased suffering, weakness ad persecution for the Lord because he was strengthened by training of suffering. (II Corin 12:10)

The one who defenced Jacob was just God. ( Gen 31:21-55) Why and how did God defence Jacob who was in suffering and what result did he get?

1) Because of God's covenant God defended the saints(43=55) and erected the star of stones and made him kept his vows and made him offered sacrifice Here he remembered the covenant. 2) How did God defense? (21-29) God was appeared in his dream and taught his way. 3) What did the answers of God?(36-42) Two results were happened. One was to establish righteousness (36-42) another was heavenly peace was descended (54-55) the role of Holy Spirit, counselor who God sent to us made us lived the new covenant citric life and established righteousness and true peace.

Conclusion:

The life of Bathan Aram for 20 years since Bethel's experience is no excepted life. Just the lone repeated slow life of Jacob at Bathan aram was the important moment to train Jacob. in the momentary change through this lone trained background Jacob found God's faithful hand. In his marriage, his daily life, his birth of children and his works God had touched him so detailed. Among that process he had experienced love and obedience deeply the relationship between King and servant and between husband and wife. This method shall be revealed in the long process of a Christian life repeatedly. God has drawn the obvious truth in us through every train in order to accomplish completely love and obedience to Christ.

Question 15 Read the lesson 15 again and give your proper answer to questions.

Name ( )

1. Why did Jacob's experience at Bethel point to regeneration?

2. How did God's hand for 21 years reveal at following two parts?

1) marriage life

2) his job

3. Say the evidence that Jacob did not keep the vows of Bethel.

4. Say the protection of God for 20 years.

3. Read Gen 29:1-14 and apply the principle of GSPEC to the text

1) God-

2) Sin-

3) Promise-

4) Example-

5) Command-

**Lecture 16. Pictorial concept - Jacob's sanctification**

1. A ladder and heaven door in his dream—Jacob's Experience of Bethel is regeneration
2. Jacob who walks with two angels- Experience of Mahanaim – the absolute protection of Immanuel
2. Jacob who wrestles with the angel – The experience of Peniel – the baptism of power of Holy Spirit
3. A city which was filled with murder, lying and thief – the experience of Shechem – the experience that his self was broken
4. An altar under a prism – the restored altar of Bethel – the climax of sanctification

## Lecture 16 Jacob's Sanctification

I. **Text:** Gen32:1-35:29

II. Key verse: Gen35:3

III. Survey:

In Gen.32:10, Jacob, who finished his life of Bathan Aram, his mother's home land, for 21 years and returned to his home land commented that in a short word, it was the gracious life and the faithful life. This is able to be called for the life of grace and truth or, the life of love and truth. This is like David's confession in Psalms that is, God of love and truth found by reflecting his whole life, and also like John Apostle told us "the incarnated Christ was filled with grace and truth (Jn1:14)". God had led Jacob with his grace and his love for 21 years until that time.

As he escaped towards Bathanaram because Esau pursued him, as he came back to that land, Esau was waiting for him. Then Jacob tried to escape out of the hand of Esau by using gifts and psychological method but could not overcome it, finally he seek the grace of God because he understood his weakness by thinking the grace of God and his faithful leading for 21 years. The verse 10, " " means it. After that his experience of Peniel and Sechem was a turning point to go the new world, the work to climb to Bethel made the climax of sanctification. Actually his experience reveals the process of Christian redemption as a figure because Jacob experienced the same grace on the way of his home land, as he experienced a impressed event at Bethel toward Bathanaram.

IV. Explanation:

We can find Israel, the name restored Jacob, by observing the process of four turning points from Bethel.

1. The experience of Mahaneim

1) The Protection by the angel of Jehovah

In Gen32:1 Jacob met the angel of Jehovah on the way. The fact that the angel of Jehovah was expressed as a subject means that God initiate the whole life of Jacob. Here the angel of Jehovah is an angel. Here the name of that place was called for Mahanaim as a meaning of the double camp. It reveals that the door of new world shall be opened. And it proved that during his foreign life God's protection was followed to him.

What proved this absolute protection? Already the angel of Jehovah led Elieser as he seek to bring Isaac's wife and Jacob saw that the angels was descending and ascending on the ladder in his Bethel's dream through a progressive style. We can find more detailed protection in following two works.

(1) God hold Jacob at his marriage life. - Jacob had served Laban for the deceived Laban plan without any means as a saying, "there the flying person on the running person" After He served Laban for 7 years at the first night he knew Leah and after he contracted with for getting Rachel with Laban for working for 7 years and finally he should take care of four wives suddenly. He met struggled time by breaking the principle of creation, Above of all , as he broke the principle of creation, polygamy was ruled over his life he was God had led Jacob with the best method . Later the fact that he had 12 children that established 12 tribes was by the hand of God.

(3) And also he holds his work place. Laban expected that his business shall be prosperous by means of using his daughters. He used them to get Jacob's talent and diligence. Laban broke their contract 10 times. However God worked in the trouble time to establish the face of Jacob according to any situation. As the sheep had their kids God worked with him and his children were grown up very well and he had many servants.

The angel of Jehovah always helped his own people as they were fallen down into the crisis. As Joshua occupied Canaan he appeared as a chief of military, as Syria invaded to Judah, through Hezekiah's prayer the angel of Jehovah and destroyed them completely and were with the covenantal people. And also the new testament he appeared at the Apostles , and appeared before Peter in the prison and also as the storm was happened on the sea Paul was visited by the angel of the Lord to point his way. Such grace of Mahaneim is ours. Just like through the communication of the angels in ascending and descending the kingdom of God was established God's gracious promise always shall be followed on our way.( Jn 10:9-10, Mt 28:19-20) not to be destroyed even we are surrounded around every direction, not to be fallen down completely even we are thrown away, is our security. So Proverb 3:5-6 promises that as we do not depend on ourselves but God and as we admit every time, God shall lead our way.

2) God led him with grace and truth in everything.

(1) God's grace were prepared. Grace is the divine benevolence that God bestows without any price. Jacob had lived for 20 years in the several areas, those are; thought, theory, clothe, food, housing, long life, peace etc. We can see some evidences that he was broken by God in his suffering because of his deceiving and arrogant character. Most Christians have spent much time at Bethel's experience of Jacob.

How did God's grace appear to Jacob? When Jacob met the unfair thing and he made money God provided special grace to him. As Joseph had, God were with him anytime and anywhere. Whenever the extra wealth and honor followed him he recognized God's greatness and his blackness. "The time that he confesses "I cannot handle anything" prove what he received great grace of God. In Ps 107: we can see three features that God had led Israel in history as followings;

First, he made him longed and waited the Lord. "For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. " (9) Second, God permits some suffering in order to



learn the humility. "So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help." (12) And third, He healed them by his proper word. "Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven." (30) Any time, any place when we reviewed considerably our things, we find that God's grace had remained in them

(2) the truth was prepared before him. As the grace stand firm on the truth, it is strengthen and abundant because they walk with together. What Jacob remembered was God's faithfulness. Because this faithfulness comes out of the truth (12) God treated Jacob faithfully always he has led with truth. Whenever he was weak and was fallen down into some troubles the last means to lead him was the word of God. According to chapter 31 Laban's face was changed because he heard of a rumor that Jacob will become a rich man. And then his sons made Jacob as a thief and compelled to leave out of this land without giving any compassion for the relationship to his daughter. Then God commanded to leave that place and go to Bethel. Always God had led him detailed faithfully with his word. It was the exact time to keep the vows of Bethel. Jacob was deceived but God always treated Jacob faithfully. In meeting of Jacob's faithfulness Jacob was trained. The word that then he provided was added more than his known covenant.

It is 1) to become a great nation 2) to become a great name and (9) 3) to be a blessing. This blessing was limited to material, honor, power etc. because it shall be harmonized everything in gospel and shall be accomplished. It must be a key to solve the sins, the essential issue. So the blessing should be Jesus Christ himself before it shall be accomplished. One except this blessing was stressed it was 4) Immanuel. The promise that his life was followed was accomplished by God's protection directly to him. Therefore Jacob seek the primary blessing to God. Only Immanuel that means the meeting between faithfulness and faithfulness can change us into the image of God.

## 2. The experience of Penile (32:13-33:20)

The grace of Mahanaim was appeared as he met Esau. He could not escape out of his burdened troubles in his heart although he used the psychological means. Such heavy burden made him stood firm before God honestly. Finally he realized that he could not handle this issue because he was very weak to survive out of threats of 400 strong weapon people of Esau and he assured that only God could solve it and supplicated it to God by wrestling with the angel of the Lord by the river of Jabbok.

The man who was appeared here was the angel of the Lord who pointed the pre-incarnated Christ because the angel who had a figure like a man worked with the same level of Jehovah. In order to accomplish the covenant one who treated to every detailed thing of Jacob and led him was just Christ Himself. Jacob was survived as the contents of Peniel that means 'even he see God but was alive. It means the communication with God. In other words he received God's grace of his prayer. How did he pray to God?

1) he believed the Lord as the solver of every problem. The issue Jacob met was to escape out of Esau's threat. He tried to solve his issue devotedly. (13-20) He prepared some gifts that he may lose his brother's fury and made the safe mode, that is, dividing two parts to rescue a part as the other was attracted to protect himself and his family out of the attack of his brother. After he made all families crossed over Jabot River, only he was remained (21=28) and was fought with one man. (26,-29 32). We do not know how he met the man and how the fighting was begun each other, but At that situation the reason that he attached to the man was to assure that the solution of his issue belongs to the man. In other word, because this issue belongs to God, he himself was hanged to God.

Just like Hezekiah prayed towards the wall in sorrowfully after he listened to the last order of God, our Lord prayed until his sweat was changed into blood before his bitter cup at the garden of Gethsemane theses were requests he committed Lordship in his heart. Strong God helped Jacob to pray faithfully as his partner.

2) He settled subjective confidence as his purpose. Jacob who prayed for long time had the purpose, the process and the result of prayer obviously. His goal was to receive the blessing out of the Lord. (26) The blessing was the experience of Peniel to see the face of God. Although he had suffering in the process he could overcome well. He approached for all night (4) until his reality was revealed by his hipbone was broken (25, 27-34) " As he confessed that his name was Jacob, Israel name that was a sign of blessing was given to him.(29) He prayed until he got subjective assurance just like Elijah cried out until the cloud rose. ( I King 18:33-34)

3) He confronted the face of the Lord. Jacob's blessing and answer of grace was revealed two directions. First, He overcomes both man and God. Second, He was survived although he saw the face of God. The experience to confront God's face is absolute necessary for the sanctification of His people. Then we shall be changed into God's image.

What is the evidence that Jacob's prayer was answered?

1) We know it by observing some sign appeared in him. (1) he had confidence of his faith. He could meet Esau first of all people. (2) he had humble heart . As soon as he met Esau, he first kneels down before Esau with his confession as his slave. The Holy Spirit changed his tough heart softly. (3) and he was changed as God's heart. What he told to see God's face of Esau's face means Jacob himself was transformed into God's image (4) he admitted the sovereignty God. In relationship with Esau, Jacob believed the Lordship of God and committed his own all things to Him. This is a role-model of his own people.

2) Esau took a temporary change.

(1) he was changed his attitude- His hot tempo to try to kill Jacob was disappeared and he met Jacob in brotherly intimacy in impressed weeping each other in wonderful change.

(2) his face was changed as Jacob felt as seeing God's face. – When Jacob saw him he felt to see the face of God. By the answer of Jacob's prayer God sent his word and his answer to his enemies.

3) God's covenant was accomplished (15-20) – The process of accomplishing for the covenant of God needed such dramatic meeting between Jacob and Esau. By such thing Jacob was changed and Esau was used as a temporary tool for God's purpose.

### 3. The experience of Shechem (34:1-31)

Although Israel came back to Canaan, to establish the altar at Bethel remained still. Israel who was crapped had tried to stay at Shechem. He postponed to establish the altar at Bethel and wanted to live with the pagans together for situational excuse. This is the careful skill of our sinful desire. As they have some chance they are to going to escape out of God. Just like such thing the man has no trustful things. Dinah, who was the daughter of Leah, went out to watch the Shechem the city and was trapped by the chief's son of Shechem on that day. Owing to this event, Simeon and Levi killed all men of Shechem during their suffering time for circumcision and Job was afraid of it very much. The family of a godly patriarch might be destroyed by the native people of Shechem. Then God appeared to Jacob and directed to leave from Shechem and to go to Bethel. In fact the event was the hand of God to break Jacob's sinful desire that made to fall into the spiritual idle.

### 4. The restored altar of Bethel (35:1-29)

When Jacob was trembling in his troubles as he met a shameful event in Genesis 34:29-30, God revealed to return to Bethel. Verse 1 reveals that God demanded three things, those are; 1) to rise 2) to climb and 3) to establish the altar. Then in Jacob and his family was awaked by repentance. 1) they closed their pagan idols in the soil and 2) were purified by themselves and 3) took off their pagan style cloth. Repentance demands intellectual transformation. 1) he should know his sins. To contact to the revelation seems to be like we content to the gospel. The word of God is the criteria of repentance. 2) he should feel his miserable state of sin. Jacob search for God in trouble, afraid and surprising. He was rebelled unfaithfully and was deceived in his marriage, salary by Laban. Now he was deceived by his sons. The unfaithful treatment may step to the sky. 3) And he should choose. - When he obeyed the command of God wholeheartedly until Bethel the silence of primitive tribes revealed God's powerful hand. Doing by volitional decision is repentance. Confession of sin should walk until this place. Still if we do not repent it means that we do not repent not yet we may need more oppressed thing. The repentance that get the life was happened in Jacob came out of God's grace. Then Jacob was crushed by the hand of invisible God and was changed into the image of God.

Finally the obedience of El Bethel was happened. Jacob responded God's covenant at 20 years. He was so idle and so unfaithful really. What did Israel who rose to Bethel do and what did he experience? 1) He built the altar. It means that he confessed "only Jehovah is "my God, " " my Lord", " my temple". Owing to such things God revealed his covenant repeatedly and now reveals more complete picture. (1) Accomplishing great nation – he was prosperous and accomplished an assembly (2) A nation was built – the kings shall come out of him in the center of the universe. And (3) God gave the land because the first theocracy in the earth needed people, land and law. So that place was called for El Bethel (God of Bethel). Jehovah was God of Bethel and Jacob and his descendants God's people. His attitude was changed to be moved into the actual place that the relationship between my God and my people was made.

After long days later, the main reason Elijah overcome his enemies at Mountain Camel was to rebuild the destroyed altar. This was the repetition of El Bethel. It reveals the character of our complete salvation in Christ in our contemporary day. The great nation, great name and Canaan the land are accomplished in Christ. This event shall be happened to offer himself as living sacrifice to God as Israel and Elijah did. When they offered themselves as living sacrifice to God the fire came down to us and the shower of grace descended down to them.

#### Conclusion:

Until now in Jacob's life that Jacob began with Bethel and processed 20 years and returned to Bethel, we observed how god worked according to the covenant of Abraham. Although a man who was a partner of covenant was false and weak but God who hold him with his right hand himself healed them with his own power and renewed and accomplished his promise little by little. Among them the greatest issue was the spiritual change of his partner that is, the than formation as a man who has God's image. Then God trained him by solving his present problems. This example of sanctification shall be continued in Christ.

Question 16 Read the lesson 16 again and give your proper answer to questions.

Name ( )

1. At the Bethel experience of Jacob what process did he pass by?
  2. What is the purpose that permitted shameful event of Schem?
  3. Who was the angel who Jacob fought with?
  - 4 Why are Jacob's transformation as the image of God so important?
3. Read Gen 35:1-15 and apply the principle of GSPEC to the text
- 1) God-
  - 2) Sin-
  - 3) Promise-
  - 4) Example-
  - 5) Command-

### **Lecture 17. Pictorial Concepts – Train of Joseph**

1. *A Dreamer – Joseph took to serve the accomplishment of covenant.*
2. burning fire around him – Joseph was trained by bad rap.
  - 1) The first flame – He was sold by the seriously of his elder brothers as a slave.
  - 2) The second flame – He became a slave to Phodibar's house

- 3) The third flame – He was put in a prison in Phodibar’s house
3. The person who bear cross- Joseph was made as a godly personality that reveals God’s image.

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### **Lecture 17 Train of Joseph**

I. **Text:** Gen. 36:1-41:57

II. Key verse: Gen 36:3

III. Survey:

Jacob, who left out of his home land and married at 78 years old, begot Joseph at 91 years old and arrived at Sechem out of Bathan Aram. After he established the altar of El Bethel the hand of training God

did not leave out of him. And he had lived 130 years old in the worked from his sorrowful event for losing Joseph, the death of Rachel for her painful troubles birth and seeking grain for great famine and being afraid to lose Benjamin in Egypt and until his all families was settled in Egypt. Such process was temporary issue in Jacob's life only the covenant was left in him. Jacob was passed away after enjoying sanctified life His covenant had been transferred to Judah, his fourth son. Moses wrote that Joseph had served as a faithful servant to accomplish the covenant. Here again we find that God had worked beyond the human imagination in God's gracious hand. God chose Jude who had much blame by grace and made him become an ancestor of the eternal mediator, Jesus Christ. Then What was the role of Joseph?

He was a cornerstone as a channel of revelation that Israel who became a great nation and received the covenant and the laws at the mountain Sini and occupied the Promised Land in redemptive history.

In this lesson we observe the form of theocracy in Israel by reviewing the trained process of Joseph, Edom's genealogy and the event of Judah and Dammar.

IV. Explanation:

What did ten genealogies contain Esau genealogy in Genesis? The history of redemption is like a woven cloth because it treats to the history of redemptive revelation by being accomplished by sensitive methods of love and righteousness toward the purpose of God

1. Teaching by the Ebonite (36:1-43)

Esau also had bountiful property as Jacob did and his descendant was very prosperous. But although they became strong nation in common grace, they was disappeared in history because they disobeyed the Lord and trusted to the sword. When Israel requested to pass by the land of the Ebonite. They treated to them unmercifully that means treating against the fear of the Lord. ( Number 20:18-21) After that even though they boasted out their strong fortress they was destroyed by God's judgment. ( Ezk 25:12-14 Ob 1☺ This revealed the fact that the man who depended on blood and flesh as his weapon and trusted in himself and the blasphemy man who followed his sinful desire shall be destroyed. Despite they were fallen down into miserable state God prophesied through Israel that in the future God himself shall make new kingdom who shall be saved out of sin in Christ. (Ish63:1-6) " " Here the blood pointed God's condemnation and the salvation that only the chosen people in them shall be saved out of their curse. ( Matthew Henry) And also Moab, Sidon and Phonician and Samaritan anybody can approach to God for the grace of unconditional

salvation were provided to them. For if anybody call for his name shall be saved out of his miserable seat (Acts 2:21) and also God had crushed every wall those are, ethnic discrimination, Judaism completely and a community of salvation as a new man in Christ could approach to God's throne. (Ephesian 3:14-15)

## 2. Joseph's dream and his trial (37:1-36)

As development of secular culture of Cain's line did, the dark genealogy was a channel that shines the stream of covenant. In the contrast of Esau, what did Jacob's family of the fear of Jehovah happen? Moses who recorded Joseph's life unequally revealed how the theocracy accomplished and how he was faithful by his hand. This is the reason that he provides much space for Joseph.

In the biblical history it is fact that the man who used by God has the feature Holy Spirit gave dream and vision. In case of Joseph it is right. Holy Spirit trained him as a man of inspiration.

But God provided dream to him with suffering because the dreamer needs train through some suffering. Joseph was sold into Egypt for his dream by abhors of his brothers. (20-28) Later he was changed as a man of God that was restored God's image. Because his spiritual dream was beyond positive dream and secular succeed and pain to accomplish the redemptive economy of God nothing had meaningless. The dream of Holy Spirit was purified through the suffering and finally it was used as a pure gold.

## 3. The grace Judah received (38:1-30)

Before the record of Joseph the genealogy of Ebonite and a certain improper event of Judah's family makes us been surprisingly because his genealogy was used as the genealogy of Christ who shall accomplish the redemptive history. It was very abnormal thing that Judah got a son, Sarah by the improper relationship with Dammar who was his daughter in law, it aimed to reveal obviously that the feature of the covenantal stream, the center of redemption should be accomplished only grace of God from first. In other word, It was intended strongly that it shall be accomplished by pure grace beyond human imagination, good deed and wisdom. Therefor we can arrange such things. The reason that the genealogy of Jesus that came to this earth through Judah got a son by Dammar pointed first, to reveal that the almighty powerful God made new work out of worst corruption and second, to reveal that the redemption of God shall be accomplished by the unconditional grace.

## 4. Joseph to be trained by God (40:1-23)

Joseph who was put into the prison really was persecuted. To be sold by his brothers, and to become a slave of Photibar and to meet the other suffering even though he kept his pure heart out of serious temptation released that his youth life was met constant suffering.



However God of providence has two purposes the one was to train his personality. Joseph also had the lack personality. The bad habit that he reported Brothers' behaviors to his father and his arrogance that he liked to boast his dream to his brothers revealed his tough character. Suffering was best tool to change him. Later he had merciful heart that he loved his enemies by accepting God's providence. And the other was to learn the relationship with his neighbors. Rebellious character that whoever shall be fallen down easily was changed into a repaying man. The Christian should possess the sound relationship to their neighbors after correcting personal spots.

God who leads the history (41:1-57)

Joseph who was trained by suffering until 30 years old was used to accomplish the glory of Abraham. His faithfulness that was appeared in the life of prison was admitted and his gift that could interpret the dream on the fear of the Lord was used wonderfully. Among them God had trained him moment by moment. Although temporarily he felt bad reemergence about the attitude of wine minister that was released (9-13) actually it was the time God worked. It was God's hand that just the time that Pharaoh was distressed to interpret his dream, was the relevant time that Joseph was chosen by Pharaoh and was appointed as a primary ministry in Egypt. (20-40)

Here the promise of God, "for those who love God all things work together for good" was applied to this situation. But more important thing is not only to become the primary minister but through him in accomplishing the covenant of Abraham and Isaac God used him. (Gen 12:1-3) He was a man of wisdom who was pursuing to catch up the hand of God that hold himself.

Conclusion:

Until Joseph became a primary minister of Egypt from his boyhood for 15 years he had been trained to go down to below gradually. The event who Jesus, our Lord left out of glorious throne and was clothed in the form of servant and was died on the cross and was buried in the tomb was the reality of Joseph's train. And also after he went down on the bottom and again was lifted up to the high place reveals the lifting of Christ. Jesus Christ became the Lord who was resurrected out of the dead and was ascended and rules over all things. Abraham and Isaac reveal justification, Jacob sanctification and Joseph reveals glorification in the redemptive historical view. Jacob was permitted some trials by God to correct his bad character but Joseph was suffered for covenantal people, Israel. In other word, he was suffered for us to remind the cross of Christ by God.

**[Question 17]** Read lecture 17 again and give your proper answer to following questions.

Name ( )

1. What dream did Joseph receive at his boyhood? What does it mean? – It was the dream to accomplish the covenant of God – the dream of Holy Spirit

2. What was Joseph's suffering in his boyhood and what is was its purpose?  
Although he received the hate of his brothers, sold to a slave of Phodibar and was prisoned for 25 years, they aimed to train him for accomplish the will of God.

3. What gift did he reveal in this suffering time? He took to interpret some dream.

4. When was the best time that Joseph reveal the faith about the fear of the Lord? It was the time when he praised God who used the evil into the goodness. He took responsibility for his brothers' problems.

3. Read Gen 39:1-6 and apply the principles of GSPEC to following questions.

1) God- (2) God who made Joseph been prosperous by being with Joseph.

(3) God who walked with Joseph

(3) God who made Joseph to be prosperous.

(4) God provided every blessing to the house of Joseph

2) Sin-

3) Promise-

4) Example- (4) an example of Joseph who his owner committed everything in his house. – he was admitted by a un believer.

(5) He had special figure by being controlled by impression of Holy Spirit.

5) Command-

## **Lecture 18. Pictorial Concepts – Joseph's Glorification**

1. A throne in a double ground at the below of the left side - Joseph's life reveals the glorification that shall be a ultimate goal of redemptive history as a pictorial revelation of the restoration of God's image.

2. Three stairs below Joseph – Joseph as Christ’s type.

1) The first stair – he had a responsibility heart for accomplishment of the covenant for Go’s people

7) The second stair – He committed all things to the providence of God

8) The third stair –He got a highest position suddenly by God from the suffering low place

3. A arrow in a circle toward the cross made three circles – three evidences that reveals the glorification of Jacob (Lk 9:23)

1) The first circle - he longed for the accomplishment of covenant supernaturally. ( Self-denial)

2) The second circle – he had spiritual authority that prophesies the future of his 12 sons and blessed them ( bearing his own cross)

3) The third circle - His petition that he hope to enter into the band of coven t (to follow the Lord)

II. Key verse: Gen 50:3

III. Survey:

Joseph's train reveals the glorification, the ultimate goal of Christian's salvation. That place is not to be proud of the glory, but to reveal the image of God restored, glorification as the ultimate purpose of covenantal people. Moving from justification to sanctification is an order that we can understand the fact systematically, in fact, it seem to be an organismic stream of a living thing. In one word, it means that we live actually as a response of covenantal people to God. In the other word, it means that we live as restored people of God's image.

The sanctification that Israel revealed at the last time of his life by the providential suffering of God was harmonized with the Joseph's glorification well and enclosed the Genesis as a beautiful picture of restored paradise. This is the accomplished redemption of Christ by the pictorial revelation through Holy Spirit.

In this lesson we review the will, prophesy, benediction and funeral of Israel by seeing a complete redemption figure about how the restoration of God's image was developed in God's decree in the person and the community, and how it shall be developed and relate to Jesus Christ who shall be accomplished at the New testament.

IV. Explanation:

In the last area of Genesis we see that a great catastrophe of Egypt was a means to accomplish God's economy, redemption and observe the early situation of the covenantal people that in the center of that event, Joseph's wise administration power and 70 Israel dependents who were moved into Egypt from Canaan and the dramatically meeting with his brothers in the land that they shall be settled for 430 years. How did God work in them?

1. A miracle in recession (47:13-26)

We learn that Christian accomplish a miraculous life to overcome the depression through the life of Joseph again. During seven years of the recession what did God bring up?

First, Joseph, who has the sight of God, could proclaim the fear of the Lord to the world through his present suffering. Although he was a man in the Old Testament because he was impressed by God's Spirit It is possible to do it. Although any tribulation come to us if we look at Christ and stay in the presence of the Spirit we can proclaim the virtue of Christ to the world. Second, he could make new event. In the recession even rebellion, riot, jealousy, envy and warfare were happened, rather Joseph had experienced new things. He made a chance to establish the dynasty strongly by gathering the abundant grain in prosperous time of 7 years and by selling them at the 7 bad years to protect his people out of their poverty and strengthen the Pharaoh kingship. This thing made in surviving his covenantal people in the suffering time. It was good enough to begin a new event by the inspiration of the Spirit that one man received. Across all age and all countries of the world such thing is the important method of God's ministry. Our Lord's miracles were happened in the suffering

mainly. Feeding above thousand people with five breads and two fish, Cana's miracle that he changed the water into the wine, Siloam's miracle that cured a blind man were the results passed over the limitation of the men in the suffering. Therefore when we meet some suffering we have to remember that the time shall be filled by Holy Spirit.

## 2. Jacob's will (47:27-48:7)

Jacob who took long life as 147 years old recognized his near departure and revealed an example of his godly life that the covenantal people should follow. What was it? First. he told things after his death to his children. He wanted not to be buried at Ephron, the tomb of Rachel who he loved so but in the cave of Machpelah that Abraham bought out of the Hittite tribe for the cemetery of his descendants. Because he wanted to be used by God cutting off his personal emotional relationship for accomplishing the eternal covenant. True sanctification is to approach to deny the self. Second he transferred his heritage of his faith to his children. He transferred the covenant that the almighty God who he met at Luz shall make become a great nation and receive the Promised Land, Canaan as a present through his children. This is the transferring of the fear of the Jehovah hand an expression of a soul who rejoiced for being used by God in order to accomplish the redemption in the center of Christ. Only what we lives for Christ and the gospel shall remain eternally.

Lastly Jacob arranged cleanly his heritage (48:5-6) He who understands God's grace in his

Whole life had shared his all property as a good steward that commits his owner's property to the servants. We should thank God for the present daily food for us to have no our resource and prepare the last calling of God to enter into the heaven. This should be the last work of a wise good steward.

## 3. Jacob's benediction (48:8-22)

As after Jacob was changed he became one who blessed, we who live in the day of grace have more wonderful change in our lives. What kinds of change should we have?

First, Although he could not see for his physical blind(10) he could see in the spiritual world with his spiritual sight.(19) It means that he could see the kingdom of God that the king had already accomplished and shall accomplish completely through spiritual communication with living God. ( Jn 14:8)

Second, he knew that God worked with him. We should follow an example that Jacob blessed with spiritual authority them. Jacob who requested the blessing to God could bless his children. On who tasted the blessing can bless to the others.

Third, he knew the contents of the ultimate blessing very well. (21) Jacob who was filled with Holy Spirit assured that he shall return to the land of his fathers by God's lead. He must be rejoiced by seeing Christ and his gospel that shall be accomplished in the New Testament by the work of Holy Spirit as Abraham did so.

#### 4. Jacob's Prophecy (49:1-28)

Jacob's benediction had the character of prophecy, in his prophesying we can see the God of justice that our present life shall influence to the future life. Reuben lost his authority of the elder son for he committed adultery with his mother-in-law (35:22) Simon and Levi was cursed and scattered in Israel because they insisted the thief and murder at the city of Shechem. Their sins committed to Sixth and seventh commandment was applied to their future. Judah received the blessing that he shall become the praise of his brothers and the strong tribe as a lion. Moreover more marvelous blessing is that the kingship that rule over Israel shall be provided to Christ who is the Shiloh and they enjoy every abundant blessing. Really Christ who was like Shiloh came to the world and accomplished his redemption as a line of Judah tribe and became the king of kings and the Lord of Lords. (Rev. 5:5) We who received absolute victory in Christ should live in the marvelous grace in our lives.

Except them to the seven children of Jacob what did he prophesy?

First. Zebulun shall be dwelt inside seashore of Mediterranean in the center of Sea of Galilee; Issachar shall be settled and farmed at the lower region of Galilee district, as strong donkey. (Judge 5:15-16) Dan shall be appeared the judger of Israel (Judge 18:27-29) And Gad shall become a warriors, (I Chronicles 12:8-15) Asher shall be an owner of an oiled grain. (I King 5:11) and Naphtali shall occupy (Judge 4:5) and Benjamin shall become fighters. (Judge 3:15, 5:4 20:15-16) However Joseph tribe shall accomplish Abraham's covenant in the suffering by faith and for bearing the cross he shall receive the blessing of fruitful descendants (22), blessing to overcome his enemies (23-24) and the source of abundant blessing (25). And also he was promised by the great blessing returning to head of Joseph.

#### 5. blessed funeral (49:29-50:26)

Genesis was finished as the blessed funeral. Why do we call for a blessed funeral? First. Because he experienced his self-denial. Although he was a man in the Old Testament, as Paul in the New Testament, he expected the crown of righteousness after his death. When he prayed by the river of Jabbok, he surrendered to God, and by being broken by the event of Dinah at Shechem he could be faithful God's calling in his life. Second, because he finished his mission in his life. We see that he blessed his children and committed their mission to them in verse 29-33. The man who finished his calling and left out of this world is so blessed. And also last, because he left his beautiful steps in the foreign land, his funeral must be blessed. (Genesis World – the End- Soli Dei Glorij)

## # Appendix

### I. Test Example (Genesis World)

1. What does “Genesis opens other books in scripture” mean
2. Say symbolism and reality of redemption revealed in the creation of Genesis.
3. Discuss the fact that God in Genesis is Trinity God.

4. What does that man was made in the image of God mean?
5. How did God create all creatures?
6. What is the reality of symbolism of the garden of Eden?
7. How does Genesis begin with? – It begins with redemption, the restoration of God's image.
8. From where did creation plan? It was planned out of Trinitarian council
9. Say the contents of the creation of the heaven and the earth for six days.
10. Say 9 genealogies in Genesis.
11. What does the light at the first day point?
12. If the garden of Eden is the blessing of blessing, what is the Sabbath day?
13. What is the purpose of creation?
14. What is the core of the first commandment?
15. Why is the family an example of heaven?
16. What is the essential of sin?
17. What is the reality Genesis reveals about salvation in Genesis 3:15?
  - 1) Woman's seed
  - 2) leather cloth
  - 3) the tree of life
18. After Adam was driven out of Eden what did he learn from God first?
19. Why did not God lift up his grace of common from Cain?
20. What different points between Cain line and Abel's line about their concern?
21. When did the first revival happen?
22. Who was the harvest fruit of Eros's revival?
23. What was main reason of Noah's flood judgment?
24. What was the reality of Christ's salvation revealed through Noah's flood?
25. What meaning did Mountain Ararat provide to us?
26. What is the theology of natural covenant?
27. What are two warrant signs in natural theology?
28. What meaning does the rainbow of sign of new order give to us?
29. How did Noah prophesy the future of Noah's children?
30. What are the motive and purpose that Ham's descendants built the tower of Babel?
31. What are three feature of the life of Abraham who is the example of covenant people?
32. What are threefold position of Christ Melkizedek reveal?
33. How does the covenant of Abraham grow up progressively in followings?
  - 1) Genesis chapter 12-
  - 2) Genesis chapter 15-
  - 3) Genesis chapter 17-
34. What does it mean that Abrahamic covenant take universal character?
35. What was the sign that God planted new heart in the covenantal people?
36. Who is the angel of Jehovah revealed to the patriarchs and what are their roles?
37. How did Sarah's unbelief laugh change into confidence?



38. Whom did Abraham serve in receiving the answer of prayer?
39. For whom did Abraham intercession?
40. What were some evidences that he belonged to a sinful desire person?
41. What is the way of salvation and the standard of all ethics?
42. As Isaac should leave out of Isaac what character do the law and the gospel each other?
43. What is the prosperity of Abraham?
44. What are two weapons to overcome the temptation?
45. What are two blessings after Abraham passed away the temptation?
46. Say the self-image of meek revealed by the life of Isaac.
47. What should we learn from Isaac's family?
48. What are three ways to release out of childish state?
49. Why did Esau get the inheritance?
50. What are the promises offered to the covenantal people?
51. What are three characters of the blessing for covenantal people?
52. Say right attitude of inheritance revealed through Jacob.
53. What is the life of covenantal people?
54. What is the reality of Jacob's experience as followings?
  - 1) Bethel's experience
  - 2) Mahanaim's experience
  - 3) Peniel's experience
  - 4) Shechem's experience
  - 5) restored altar of Bethel
55. What does Joseph's dream?
56. What did Joseph's life reveal to us in the redemptive history?
57. What point is Joseph the type of Christ?
58. Say three evidences through Joseph's glorification.

## **II. Understanding of covenant**

1. the covenant of redemption – Trinitarian council, father God and son God
2. The covenant of works – God and prelapsarian Adam
3. The covenant of grace – God and post-lapsarian Adam and his chosen people
  - 1) depravity Adam – Genesis 3:15

- 2) Noah – Genesis 8:7-17
- 3) Abraham – Genesis 12:1-3 17:1-8
- 4) Moses – Exodus 19:1-9
- 5) Jeremiah – Rem 32:31-33
- 6) Christ
- 7) Christians
- 8) new covenant

### **III. Redemptive symbolism and the reality in Genesis**

1. the Garden of Eden – God’s presence ( Ezekiel 28:13-14 the holy mountain of God, the fire stone)
2. Mountain Ararat – the presence of God
3. babel tower – the hideout of idols
4. Mountain Sinai – the decadence of God
5. Mountain Zion – Jerusalem, Israel – the presence of God
6. Zappon Mountain – the northern mountain = The hideout of idols ( Ps 14:13 – the mountain of northern assembly)
7. Christ- fullness of God’s presence.
8. Har Armageddon – discordance of the lamb

### **IV. the Image of Spirit of glory**

1. Gen 1:2 the Spirit of God hovering - the Spirit of creation
2. Gen 8:1 hovering of the Spirit of glory of Jehovah- healing of flood judgment – Spirit of healing
3. the lead of the pillar of cloud, the pillar of fire
4. tabernacle – the Spirit of presence
5. temple – the Spirit of presence
6. Zechariah 1:7 – one who rode on the white horse in myrtle trees – Christ, presence of God’s Spirit
7. Christ ( Jn 1:14 )
8. The Spirit descended on Pentecost ( Acts 2:1-3)
9. Seven Spirit sent out of the throne ( Revelation 5:6)

### **V. God’s throne**

1. Eden Garden
2. Altar
3. Tabernacle

4. Temple
5. Christ
6. Christian
7. White throne

## **VI. Mekizedek**

1. The main issue of the Hebrews was false teaching that the Christian should keep the law with believing in Christ for personal salvation.
2. Then the author of Hebrew pointed the incomplete character of Old Testament in priest position, Christ did not follow the line of Aaron but directly followed the line of Mekizedek as the better high priest line by offering his own blood to the heavenly sanctuary to accomplish his redemption once of all
3. According to such meaning Mekizedek was a type of Christ's high priest work.

## **VII. Continuity and continuity between the gospel and the law**

1. In the revelation of Scripture in God's redemptive center are completed by law in the Old Testament and gospel in the New Testament. This has the character of discontinuity in the character between N.T and O.T. but he character of continuity because they came out of the same Spirit.
2. Because the authors of Scripture talked both these characters we should follow the criteria and understand them. The Old Testament is the root but the New Testament is the flower and the fruit. The Old Testament is promise but the New Testament is accomplishment. The grace of Old Testament is small shower but the New Testament is great shower. Although the character of grace was same, the category and level are different. The revelation of Scripture has such progressive character.
3. In order to understand these we should listen to the teaching of Lord and the Apostles.
  - 1) Jesus's teaching reveals the kingdom of God about "already and not yet." Apostle Paul compared Moses of gospel in II Corinthian 3:13-16 Moses was covered by handkerchief on his glorious face but now we took off our handkerchief and see directly to his face.
  - 2) And I Corinthian 10:1-3 says the contentious character but the symbolic baptism the baptism in the New Testament in character are same contents because they came out of Christ
  - 3) Galatians divided and contrasted the gospel and the law. The law has no true salvation; only the gospel has the salvation by faith. Regarding the legalism cult, the Apostle stressed that if any angels proclaimed another teaching in the world and

does not continue to believe in only Jesus, they shall be cursed by God. He emphasized the discontinuous character.

4) This is also revealed in Hebrews. Although they are excellent workers in the Old Testament, they cannot compare to Jesus. The more excellent gospel of Christ shall be obviously distinguished with the law. So they have discontinuous character.

5) John also warned his readers because they misunderstood the discontinuous character. Although the anointing abides in them, they are also incomplete. So they should fulfill their salvation with fear and trembling.

6) Ishmael is the law and flesh. Isaac is the gospel and Spirit. When we understand both aspects, we stand firm on the complete seat.