

The Beginning of Covenant Grace

Genesis 12:1-8

Beginning

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Genesis breaks into two parts.

- God Sovereignty in his **creative works** - Creation and foundational history 1-11
 - God's Sovereignty in his **redemptive work** - Generations and foundational promises 12-50
1. God **conceived** the Covenant of Grace.
 - a. God's covenant depended on His **foreknowledge** Eph 1:3-4
 - b. God's covenant was based on His **promise**. 12:1-3
 - i. A **land promise** for perpetuity 12:1
 - ii. A promise of **national** status 12:1
 - iii. A promise of a great **name** 12:2
 - iv. A promise of be a **conduit** of blessings. 12:2
 - v. A promise of **associational** blessing 12:3 (2 part)
 - vi. A promise of **universal** blessing 12:3
 2. Abraham **received** the covenant of Grace. 12:1; 15:7
 - a. He heard God's voice while **still a pagan**. 11:31-32; Heb 11:8
 - b. He believed God's **promise** of a better country— Gen 12:4
 - c. He received God's covenant by grace without **personal effort**. 15:1-6
 3. We can **inherit** the Covenant of Grace by faith. 12:3
 - a. This covenant of grace is for **everyone**.
 - b. This covenant only comes to you by **grace through faith**. Gal 3:26-29
 - c. The covenant is made by God, maintained by God and guaranteed by God yet it still must be **received by faith**.
 - i. We must receive this covenant **personally**. Eph 1:13-14
 - ii. We must accept this covenant as a **gift**. Eph 2:8-9

Faith acts on the promise of God's grace. Have you acted?