

“Unstoppable Blessing”

Genesis 11:10–26

March 26, 2023

Evidence of Blessing: Children

“And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.’”
(Genesis 9:1)

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!”
(Psalm 127:3–5)

“Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’ And he laid his hands on them and went away.” (Matthew 19:13–15)

Evidence of Curse: Death

“The Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.’” (Genesis 6:3)

“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:54–57)

Evidence of Blessing: Salvation

“Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.’” (Joshua 24:2)

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” (Matthew 1:1)

“So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” (Galatians 3:9)

“In Christ Jesus, the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:14)

Notes

Discuss

- The word blessing can mean different things to different people, so what do you think it means in the Bible?
- How can you further embrace children as the blessing of God?
- When we are discouraged by our own sin or living in this sin-cursed world, how can we keep trusting God?
- What is something that the Lord has taught you through listening to preaching on Genesis 1:1–11:26?

Read

1 Chronicles 1:1–27; Matthew 1:1–17; Luke 3:23–38; Galatians 3:1–14

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will work in our church to make our congregation a place where children are safe and welcomed.
- That the Holy Spirit will encourage the members of our congregation who are discouraged by their own sin or the realities of this sin-cursed world.

Bulletin

- Easter Egg Hunt Outreach: April 1 at 10:30am
- Good Friday Service: April 7 at 6:00pm
- Last Day to Give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: April 9
- VBS (rising kindergarteners–5th graders): June 26–30