

# God's Blessing to All Families

Reading [Genesis 4-11](#) can quickly make you feel like God's good plans for humanity were swirling down the drain.

- \_\_\_\_\_ murders his brother Abel ([4](#))
- Lamech, a descendant of Cain, brags to his two wives about killing a man ([4](#))
- God sends the \_\_\_\_\_ because of wickedness, corruption, and violence on earth ([6-8](#))...
- ...but sin follows Noah out of the ark ([9](#))
- The builders of \_\_\_\_\_ who want to make a name for themselves are dispersed by the LORD ([11](#))

How will anything good come out of the mess that wicked hearts and sinful choices are making in the lives of every single family on earth? In [Genesis 12](#), God made some incredible promises to a 75-year-old man who didn't have any children:

Now the LORD said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be \_\_\_\_\_."  
([12:1-3](#))

Years later, God made the same promises to Abraham's son, \_\_\_\_\_ ([Gen 26:2-4](#)) and to Abraham's grandson, \_\_\_\_\_ ([Gen 35:10-12](#)):

- ☆ Their family line would grow into a great \_\_\_\_\_
- ☆ That nation would have a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ in which to live
- ☆ Somehow, someday, "\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth" would be blessed by the "\_\_\_\_\_ of this family line.



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Does this mean Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were perfect men who never sinned? What scenes come to your mind to help you answer that question?
- Of all the family lines in all of the world, why do you think God chose to work with *this* one? [Hebrews 11:8-21](#) might be helpful here...
- Let's think about God fulfilling those three great promises:
  - Did he make this family line grow into a great **nation**? If so, how so?
  - Did he provide that nation a **land** in which to live? If so, how so? [Joshua 21:43-45](#) might be helpful here...
  - Did God ever fulfill his **third promise**? If so, how so? How does [Matthew 1](#) help us to answer that question?
- A powerful gospel point is made by the apostle Paul in [Galatians 3:7-9, 23-29](#). How does his point relate to today's study? What do we need to understand from it?