

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 145:8-12

SONG: Behold the Power of His Word

READING: Genesis 25:1-18 (pg. 19)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Man of Sorrows

COMMUNION

SONG: How Great is Our God

BLESSING

NOTICES

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or wanting to be more involved,
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Sunday Morning Venue

From April 16th, we will meet in the Stephen Lawrence Building in the morning. We will find out this week whether we can start a new service in Canada Water as well. Sign up to our Newsletter with the QR code above to receive the latest updates.

Easter

7th Apr 10.45am Good Friday Service St. Helens,
sign in children at St. Andrews from 10.30am
9th Apr 10.30am Easter Sunday Service
Greenwich, no Eltham service.

No Grace Groups – Easter Break

There will be no midweek Grace Groups during the first 3 weeks of April (2nd-20th). Catch up on what we've studied in the Gospel of Mark with our Podcast "Grace Pod".

Jesus: a Sceptic's Guide: 14-21 May

Please think and pray about events that you could organise for sceptical friends and neighbours during our annual mission week.

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations of its members – you can give by bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or visit www.greenwich.church/give To give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church

Next Sunday, 9th April, Mark 15:40-16:8



Welcome!

Sunday 2nd April 2023

*“The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has
made.”*

Psalm 145:9 (ESV)

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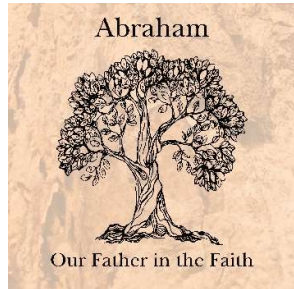


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Genesis 25:1-18 (ESV)



¹ Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. ² She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. ³ Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴ The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. ⁵ Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. ⁶ But to the sons of his concubines

Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country.

⁷ These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years. ⁸ Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ⁹ Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, ¹⁰ the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. ¹¹ After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

¹² These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham. ¹³ These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael; and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, ¹⁴ Mishma, Dumah, Massa, ¹⁵ Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ¹⁶ These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their tribes. ¹⁷ (These are the years of the life of Ishmael: 137 years. He breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.) ¹⁸ They settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria. He settled over against all his kinsmen.

Q: Doesn't an "Us and them" framework lead to pride and oppression?

A: Yes, but it's harder to avoid than we realise...

1. God's people are chosen for the sake of the rest

and only because of God's grace

2. Though God's chosen people seem weak

we have a glorious future

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

Sometimes people criticise the Bible's division of the world into "us and them" because they say it leads to pride and oppression. How does understanding Genesis help us to respond?

Do you ever feel discouraged about how weak and pathetic the church is? How can we use what the Bible teaches to help us in those moments?



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