

Family preparation for congregational worship on October 29, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 9:6-13 (ESV): But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. 9 For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” 10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Discuss:

1. How does Paul explain the difference between Jews who believe and Jews who do not believe?
2. Whom did God bless as the parents of the nation Israel?
3. Who were the children of Isaac and Rebekah?

Prayer: Praise the Lord for giving us abundant life in Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord that He led someone to share the gospel with you. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for greater faithfulness with your time and resources. Pray for the renewing of your mind. Pray for evangelist Norman Stevens as he proclaims the gospel in different churches and settings. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (October) *The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”*
Exodus 34:6-7 (ESV)

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*God of the ages, history maker. Planning our pathway, holding us fast.
Shaping in mercy all that concerns us: Father we praise You, Lord of the past*

*God of this morning, gladly your children Worship before you. Trustingly bow:
Teach us to know You always among us, quietly sovereign Lord of our now.*

*God of tomorrow, strong overcomer, Princes of darkness own Your command.
What then can harm us? We are Your people, now and forever kept by Your hand.*

*Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning, Lord of the future, help us we pray:
Teach us to trust You, love and obey You. Crown You each moment Lord of today.*

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ISRAEL	MEANS	NAMED
NEXT	NOTHING	OFFSPRING
ONLY	PROMISE	REBEKAH
RETURN	SAID	THOUGH