Genesis
Chapters 1-11
The Book of Beginnings

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Structure of the Psalms

Psalms contains 5 books
1. 1-41
2. 42-72
3. 73-89
4. 90-106
5. 107-150

Psalm 95

Let Us Kneel Before the LORD Our Maker
A  Call to Worship (1–2)
B  Hymn to Yahweh the Creator-King (3–5)
A’ Call to Worship (6)
B’ Hymn to Yahweh the Covenantal God (7a–c)
C  Response and Reflection on Yahweh’s Judgment (7d–11)

Genesis 3:16

To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply (ארבֶה) your pain in childbirth (ןְחָלַת) conception / pregnancy [noun], In pain you shall bring forth (יָלַד) [verb] children; Yet your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over (יְמַל) you.”

The Deity of Christ

• “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1)
• “Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,” (Titus 2:13)
• “And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life” (1John 5:20).
• “But of the Son He says, ‘Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom,’” (Hebrews 1:8).
• “I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30).

The Humanity of Christ

• “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14).
• “And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man,” (John 3:13).
• “Concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,” (Romans 1:3).
• “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,” (Galatians 4:4).
• “For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,” (Romans 8:3).
• “Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,” (Hebrews 2:14).
• “Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,” (1John 4:2).
Only-Begotten

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“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life,” (John 3:16).

“The term ‘only begotten’ is a mistranslation of the Gr. word. The word does not come from the term meaning ‘begat’ but instead has the idea of ‘the only beloved one.’ It, therefore, has the idea of singular uniqueness, of being beloved like no other. By this word, John emphasized the exclusive character of the relationship between the Father and the Son in the Godhead (cf. 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9). It does not connote origin but rather unique prominence; e.g., it was used of Isaac (Heb. 11:17) who was Abraham’s second son (Ismael being the first; cf. Gen. 16:15 with Gen. 21:2, 3),” *


Calcedonian Confession

“We, then, . . . . teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; . . . . one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concuring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son. . . .”
Adam, Not Eve, Blamed for the Fall

1 Corinthians 15:21-22, “For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.”

Romans 5:12, 17, “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned ... For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”

1 Timothy 2:14, “It was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression.”
**Genesis 4:6-7**

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Three Questions:
1. Why has it angered you?
2. Why has your face [countenance] fallen? (Why the downcast facial expression? Why do you feel depressed?)
3. If you do well, will you not be accepted?

God didn’t ask questions to learn, Cain needed to think and repent.
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Crouching (rabatz) - to lie down or stretch out. Never used to mean aggressive behavior, always passive. Clearly something a resting animal would do. Moses uses this word rabatz only 4 times: here
Gen 49:9 a lion's cub;
Gen 49:14 donkey lying down between sheepfolds;
Exod 23:5 a donkey lying down helplessly under its load.

During the Millennium, Isa 11:6, “The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down (rabatz) with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.”

Genesis 4:23-24

Song of the Sword
Adah and Zillah/wives of Lamech
Listen to me/hear my words
A man for wounding/a young man for injuring me
Seven times/seventy-seven times

Purpose of the Gospel

Titus 2:14: “[Christ] gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

Ephesians 3:10: “In order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.”

Every family is a mission field.

A family legacy is equivalent to a “generation” (toledoth) in Genesis (See page 8 class notes)
Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan Edwards married a committed Christian woman, and these two instilled principles of piety in their family. Among their descendants were:
• 300 clergymen, missionaries, and theological professors
• 100+ college professors
• 100+ attorneys (30 of these were judges)
• 60 physicians
• 60+ authors of good books
• 14 presidents of universities
• Many giants of American industry
• 3 U.S. congressmen
• 1 U.S. vice president


Max Jukes

Unbeliever Max Jukes married a woman equally lacking in character and faith. Out of their union came over 1,200 descendants among them were:
• 310 professional vagrants
• 440 physical wrecks due to debauched lifestyle
• 130 prison residents serving an average of 13 years apiece, 7 of these were murderers
• 100 alcoholics
• 60 habitual thieves
• 190 prostitutes
• 20 learned a trade (10 of these in prison)

Being, for the most part, wards of the state, these 1,200 descendants cost the taxpayers of New York $1,500,000.