



THE **Big** PICTURE homework

Class Two - 8/29/18

Reading:

Day 1 - Read Psalm 4

Job 1-3, 6-7

Genesis 12

Watch Plot

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/plot-biblical-narrative/>

Day 2 - Psalm 6

Job 9-14

Genesis 15-17, 22

Day 3 - Psalm 16

Job 16-19, 21, 23

Genesis 26-27

Watch Character

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/character-biblical-narrative/>

Day 4 - Psalm 26,

Job 26-31

Genesis 32, 35

Day 5-

Psalms 30, 35

Job 38-42

Genesis 37, 41-42, 46-47, 49

Watch Setting

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/setting-biblical-narrative/>

Reflection:

What character traits of God are displayed in his decision to bless all nations through Abraham and his family?

We see so many of God's chosen family make bad decisions that threaten God's desire to bless them. Why should this part of the story comfort us? How should it challenge us?

Re-read Genesis 27:26-29 where Jacob receives Esau's blessing from Isaac. What do you think about the power of words in this situation? What can you learn from that? What changes will you make because of it?

Have you ever thought of your life as not fair? I think we have all struggled with that from time to time. Let the story of Joseph inspire you. What happened in his life that wasn't fair? Did God see it? How was God's blessing also shown in his life?

How do Joseph's words to his brothers summarize God's role in both the story of Joseph and the whole story of the Bible so far? See Genesis 50:20.

We consider Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his sons biblical heroes. Why do you think God chose such flawed people to bring forth his redemption plan? Which one or which of their public sins do you most identify with? Why do you think God chose to record these sins in the Bible for all the world to know about?

What about the women in these accounts? Can you identify with Sarah laughing at God or not believing His plan enough so she "helped" God execute it? How about Rebekah who told her son to deceive his brother and his father? How about Rachel who stole her father's household gods and then hid them by sitting on them and claiming she couldn't get up because it was her "womanly time"? How about the wife of the ruler in Egypt who when rejected sexually by Joseph, lied and she said he violated her? Can you see yourself in any of these women? Are women any different today?

Read Exodus 19:4-6, God's words to Israel about his covenant with them. What are the implications of Israel being a kingdom of priests and holy nation? What do priests do? What does it mean for Israel to be a nation of priests to other nations? Look up 1 Peter 2:9-10 and see how Peter uses this language to describe the new covenant family of Jesus' disciples.

Read through Luke's account of Jesus' last (Passover) meal with his disciples in Luke 22:7-22. How does Jesus see his impending death as fulfilling the whole covenant storyline?

What do you think about Job's wife's response at the beginning of the book? These words could have proved detrimental to the outcome of Job's life. Do you think about the power of your words to those you have influence over?

Have you ever wondered about suffering? Have you ever accused God of causing you to suffer unjustly? Have you ever wondered why "bad things happen to good people"? Have you ever thought about what you really deserve in this life? What did you learn from Job? From Joseph? How were their sufferings the same? How were they different? Was their outcome the same? How did God work in their lives through their suffering?

Extra Credit:

*Watch Job from the Wisdom series (7:15m)

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/wisdom-job/>

*Watch Genesis 12 – 50 from the Torah series (5:07)

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/torah-genesis-2/>

*Read Bryant Wright's book, Seeds of Turmoil