

## Zeroing in on Jesus ◻◻ Genesis 11:10-32 ◻◻ 2-June-2019 · Hopewell ARP · Culleoka, TN

**Main Idea:** Your focus in your life must be the same as God's focus in history, the Lord Jesus Christ!

**Introduction:** Who's boring? Not the Scripture! Maybe you?

1. **Christ-Driven Genealogy, Christ-Driven History.** Do your mind, heart, and actions reflect the same priority?
  - a. Ever since 3:15, aiming at the Seed
  - b. Not like the genealogy in ch10 which covers populating the earth, but rather now focusing upon how all of those families will be saved.
  - c. Not even necessarily the oldest son. Rather, very specifically, the son through which the Lord Jesus would come.
  - d. This is the Lord's focus in history. Is it your focus, when you think about history? When you think about genealogy? Really—when you think about your own life?
2. **Evangelistic Narrowing of Focus.** Other nation-families not being eliminated. Why? So they may be saved!
  - a. When we had a narrowing in the flood, there was the emphasis upon salvation, for Noah had to bespared that the Redeemer would come. But, there was also an emphasis upon judgment, as those lines were all cut off.
  - b. In this narrowing, the lines are permitted to remain, showing the great long-suffering of God that He would endure the wickedness of man on the earth. And why this long suffering? So that He might not cut them off, but rather send a Savior through whom all of these families would eventually be blessed.
  - c. Do you marvel at how patient God was with your ancestors—what He was willing to bear with in order to save you?
  - d. Do you love to witness? To bring people to church? To support missions? To pray for all of these things?
3. **The need for a Redeemer stronger than death.** Not only are they dying. Their lives are getting shorter.
  - a. The age at death keeps dropping from the 600s to the 400s, 200s, 100s. By Psalm 90:10, Moses will say that man lives 70, maybe 80 years
  - b. Judges, Kings, Prophets, Ecclesiastes, 1Cor 15:19.
  - c. You are going to die. There is a Redeemer that is stronger than death. Is He yours? Really, the question is, are you His?
4. **God's pleasure to use our weakness.** Why? So that all the glory would be His in Christ. Are you weak?
  - a. Not the impressive lines of Cain but Seth, not the impressive mixed line of the flood generation but Noah, not the impressive line of Ham and Nimrod but Shem.
  - b. Terah offers not faithfulness but sin from which to be redeemed (Josh 24:2)
  - c. Abram and Sarai offer not begetting but barrenness
  - d. Are you unimpressive, and finding yourself often in difficulty? Congratulations! You are ripe for resting in Christ, being conformed to His own suffering life on earth, and being consumed with His glory to boast about in the midst of your weakness

**Conclusion:** Rest upon nothing but Christ; live for no one but Christ.