

**THE SEED**  
***Look At The Book***  
***Genesis 1:26-32***

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. Family feuds make great stories.
  - 1. Shakespeare in *Romeo and Juliet* – the Montagues and Capulets, sworn enemies.
  - 2. The Hatfields and McCoys – the “stuff of which legends are made.”
- B. Genesis, a drama built around two feuding families.
  - 1. The major story of Genesis –
    - a. A growing separation between two groups of people.
    - b. Two families with very different values and goals.
  - 2. Originally, only one family with one Father.
    - a. God created Adam and Eve (Gen. 1 and 2).
    - b. His intent seems to have been to raise through them a family who would honor and worship Him.
  - 3. Chapter 3 tells of a split occurring – two family lines established:
    - a. The family of God – who honor God and live according to commands.
    - b. The family of Satan – rejected God and refuse to be governed by commands.
  - 4. These two families are sworn enemies, waging battle in which only one side can be victorious; the losing side doomed to extinction.

**I. EMPHASIS ON FAMILY.**

- A. God Begins a Family.
  - 1. Adam and Eve in the image of their Father, Gen. 1:27.
    - a. Adam had a son “in his image”, Gen. 5:3.
    - b. Adam is called the “son of God”, Luke 3:38.
  - 2. Adam and Eve, the children of God.
- B. “Be Fruitful and Multiply”.
  - 1. God’s command to “be fruitful and multiply”, Gen. 1:22.
  - 2. Examples of those receiving the command/promise:
    - a. Adam and Eve, 1:28.
    - b. Noah, 9:1.
    - c. Abraham – never commanded, but promised 7 times!
    - d. Isaac, 26:4.
    - e. Jacob, 28:14; 35:11.
- C. Satan is a “father” himself, raising sons and daughters in his likeness.

**II. THE FEUD BEGINS.**

- A. Good Seed – Bad Seed.
  - 1. In the garden, one big happy family (Gen. 1-2).
    - a. God has open fellowship with His children.
    - b. He provides for their needs; they honor and worship Him.
  - 2. With the fall, a new family is born (Gen. 3).
    - a. Two families: Righteous and Unrighteous; Obedient and Disobedient.
    - b. No longer one Father, but two (God and Satan).
  - 3. The foreshadowing, Gen. 3:15.
    - a. The feud – enmity between woman and serpent.
    - b. Both would have offspring:
      - i. The woman and her offspring stand for what God would continue to do through His family.
      - ii. The serpent would raise a family that would feud with God’s family.

**B. Early Developments in the Family Feud.**

1. Cain, Abel, and Seth.
  - a. The two “seeds”, Gen. 4.
    - i. Abel is “righteous” in God’s eyes, Gen. 4:4; Heb. 11:4.
    - ii. Cain is “unrighteous” – by his actions, Satan’s seed, Gen. 4:5.
    - iii. Enmity between them – Cain kills Abel.
  - b. Cain flees and begins a family of his own – belonging to Satan’s seed.
  - c. The righteous seed of God carried on through Seth.
    - i. And “then men began to call on the name of the Lord”, Gen. 4:26.
2. Sons of God and Daughters of Men.
  - a. Genesis 6:1-6.
    - i. The “sons of God” – God’s family line.
    - ii. The “daughters of men” – Satan’s family line.
  - b. Satan’s seed seems to overwhelm God’s seed.
    - i. The whole earth has become wicked, 6:5-6.
    - ii. Only Noah was “righteous, Gen. 6:8-9.
    - iii. Only he could carry on God’s line of righteous people.
    - iv. The flood was an attempt to start over again.
3. Noah’s sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth, Gen. 9 and 10.
  - a. A fresh beginning, “Be fruitful and multiply”, 9:1.
  - b. A fresh separation. But once again Satan’s seed is introduced.
  - c. Noah and his nakedness, Gen. 9:20-22.
    - i. Ham’s offspring cursed.
    - ii. Enmity between Ham and Shem.

**III. GOD PROTECTS HIS FAMILY.**

**A. Abraham, Gen. 12.**

1. Abram and Sarai struggle to have children.
  - a. God promises they will have a son.
  - b. Yet, Sarah remained barren.
2. At age 85, Sarai gives Hagar to Abram to raise offspring – Ishmael born.
3. God allows Sarah (age 90) to have the child promised.
  - a. Ishmael the father of the Arabic nations.
  - b. Isaac continues God’s line.

**B. Isaac and Rebekah.**

1. Struggle to have children – 20 years without.
2. God intervenes and selects younger over older, Gen. 25:23.
3. Esau sells his birth right and Jacob steals his blessing.

**C. Jacob.**

1. Rachel the favorite of Jacob – barren.
  - a. Joseph born – was the favorite child.
  - b. God uses Joseph, not to produce offspring, but to protect the offspring.
  - c. The “seed” to crush the serpent’s head not through Rachel or Joseph.
2. But God uses Leah to pass the seed along.
  - a. Trickery used in marriage to Jacob.
  - b. Through her fourth son [Judah] the Messiah would come.
    - i. And that through a “shrine prostitute”.
    - ii. Tamar gave birth to twins: Perez and Zerah.
3. Matthew 1:3, the Messiah through Perez.

## **CLOSING**

- A. We are now God's family.
  - 1. We are His sons and daughters.
  - 2. He is our Father.
- B. But the "Family Feud" continues.
  - 1. The family of righteousness and obedience.
  - 2. The family of unrighteousness and rebellion.
- C. God is still protecting His family.
  - 1. The Lord calls us out.
    - a. Galatians 1:4
    - b. Romans 12:2
    - c. 2 Cor. 6:17-18