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### About Gen. 1-24

- 1. Referenced 34 times in the Gospels; 5 times in Acts; 57 times in Rom. Rev.
- 2. Jesus' use sets the tone for how it is used in the rest of the NT.
  - Explain current doctrine Mat. 19:4-6
  - Draw historical analogies Mat. 11:23-24; Mat. 24:37-39



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- How much God longs for mankind's wellbeing.
  - Giver of good provisions:
    - Good creation 1:27-31
    - Paradise of Eden 2:8-9
    - Perfect companion for Adam 2:18-25
    - Way of escape for Noah 6:14-21
    - A land for Abraham 12:14-15



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    - A son for Abraham 21:1-3
    - A wife for Isaac 24:1 ff.



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  - Giver of good promises:
    - A future Savior 3:15
    - No future world flood 9:9-17
    - Three promises to Abraham to bring about the blessing of all mankind - 22:17-18



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- How much God longs for mankind's wellbeing.
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  - God of good patience:
    - Longsuffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance - 2 Pet. 3:9



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### Impressionable truths from Gen. 1-24

 How much God longs for mankind's wellbeing.

### God so loves the world!

John 3:16



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- How destructive sin is to mankind's wellbeing.
  - Rom. 5:12 Mankind's sin problem.
    - Thru one man sin entered world- 3:6-7
    - Death entered thru sin 2:17
    - Death spread because all sinned 4:3-6:5
  - Rom. 1:18-32 Despite God's love, man's descent into wholesale wickedness.



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- How destructive sin is to mankind's wellbeing.
  - Gen. 1-24 = Rom. 1 fleshed out.
    - Sin heaps misery on mankind 3:16-19
    - God will not tolerate sin 6-7;19
    - Sin separates man from eternal life 3:23
  - That is what sin will do to YOU!



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- How much difference one person, dedicated to God, can make to mankind's well-being.
  - ❖ Heb. 11:4-12 By faith...
    - Noah built an ark and saved his household
    - Abraham went out and received promises that resulted in salvation of world
    - Sarah received strength to bear a child thru whom God would fulfill His promise to save the world.



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  - Heb. 12:1 Our witnesses that our faith in God can propel us to victory in the race set before us.



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#### Gen. 1-24:

- 1. How deep God's love is for us.
- 2. How destructive sin is to us.
- 3. How important obedient faith is for us.

Rom. 5:18-19

What Adam did through sin, Jesus undid through His death on the cross.