

Sunday, 12-17-2023

2023-2024 Winter Quarter
Unit I: Profiles in Faith

Lesson 3: The Family of Faith

Bible Background: Matthew 1:1-17; Genesis 38; Joshua 2; 6:22-25; 2 Samuel 12:24; Ruth 4:13-22

Printed Text: Matthew 1:1-17 KJV/NIV

Devotional Reading: Psalm 9:1-14

Prayer: *O God, we thank You for Your purposive acts on our behalf through the generations. In the lineage of Jesus, we find the roots and the faith of our own salvation. Thank You for the Christ who comes to save us through a family and a world that resembles ours. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – The Family of Faith – Matthew 1:1-17

A. The Genealogy of the Messiah (v. 1) – p. 149

- Do I know my own genealogy?
- Do I know how I became who I am?
- How has God taken dysfunction and turn it into His function within me?

B. What Women Bring to the Unfolding Purposes of God (vv. 2-6a) – pp. 149-150

- How did Matthew break the biblical patterns of genealogy?
- What role did each of these women have in God's plan? – **Mon: Genesis 38; Tue: Joshua 2; Ruth 4; Fri: 2 Samuel 11**
- Do I have irregularities that God can use for purpose(s)? – **Romans 8:28-30**
- Are converts showing extraordinary faith over those who grew up in church?
- To find Oneness in Jesus Christ, what three (3) barriers must people of faith overcome?

C. The Roots of Faith in the Family of God (vv. 6b-16) – p. 151

- What was the purpose of Matthew dividing this genealogy into three (3) sections?
- How does God sometimes stir His own people? – **Thu: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

D. The Generations Pointed to Jesus (v. 17) – pp. 151-152

- What was Matthew's point in mentioning fourteen (14) generations?
- Would I be surprised who I may find in my genealogy?