

Understanding God's global purpose

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Week ten

During the past several weeks we have focused on the interconnected themes of God's blessing and man's responsibility throughout the Bible. In the newsletter from week eight you looked at blessing and responsibility in the lives of key Old Testament figures such as Daniel, Esther and Solomon. One question that needs to be asked is whether any of the Old Testament characters understood both of these themes. Did their actions or prayers reveal their understanding of the connection between God's desire to bless His people and His purpose of declaring Himself to the nations? Did they understand their responsibility in God's global purpose? What is it in these verses that revealed to you they understood the two themes we are focusing on?

- Abraham—Genesis 18:16-33
- Moses—Numbers 14:11-19
- Solomon—I Kings 8:14-43

Selah—Take some time to reflect on what you have discovered in the Scripture you have studied today. What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you? Write those insights down and consider how you might apply them in your daily walk with Jesus Christ.

For the past three days you have been memorizing Isaiah 48:9-11. Write down what God has been teaching you in your meditation. If you haven't been working on it, you have missed inconceivable riches.