

After the Fall

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The sermon explores how God can work through the failures of key biblical figures to fulfill His divine plan.

Scripture: Genesis 12:10-20, Genesis 16:1-2, Judges 13:5, Judges 16:30, Galatians 3:6-9

Topics: "Divine Restoration", "Faith and Failure"

Description

K.P. Yohannan explores the theme of human failure and divine restoration in the sermon 'After the Fall.' He illustrates how figures like Abraham and Samson, despite their significant flaws and failures, were still used by God to fulfill His grand design. Abraham's journey of faith was marred by deception and impatience, yet he became the father of many nations. Similarly, Samson's moral failures did not thwart God's purpose, as he ultimately achieved greater victories after his restoration. The sermon emphasizes that God's plans prevail despite human shortcomings.

Transcript

From this point onward, man fails. Yet through this, we can still see how God magnificently weaves together His amazing plan from the beginning of history.

Abraham. Further into the book of Genesis, we encounter Abraham. He had faith not only to leave his homeland and set out on a God-given quest, but also the faith to receive a child in his old age. And not just any child--this was the child of promise, the embryo of a great nation that would eventually number more than the sands of the seashore.

Along the way, however, this faith hero fell into lies and deception. Because he was afraid for his life, Abraham told his attractive wife to inform the Egyptian pharaoh that she was his sister rather than his wife (see Genesis 12:10-20).

Not only that, after Abraham received the promise from God that he would have innumerable descendants, impatience got the best of him. Thinking God could produce the son without Sarah, he had a sexual relationship with her servant who conceived a child (see Genesis 16:1-2).

After all this, God restored him, used him mightily and even brought His own Son Jesus into the world through Abraham's line. As a matter of fact, the whole Christian world of those who believe are children of Abraham (see Galatians 3:6-9).

Samson. This powerhouse of a man was called by God to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines (see Judges 13:5). Yet he lacked moral conviction and common sense when it came to women. There came a day when it looked like Samson's folly totally destroyed what God wanted to do through him. Samson was forced to serve the very enemies he was born to conquer.

Yet once again, the Lord made the reworked vessel better than the former one. Scripture reports that Samson did more to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines after his failure than he did in his 20 years of leading Israel (see Judges 16:30). Resaid, God was still able to bring about His perfect plan through Samson's life.

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