

Genesis: Back to Authenticity
Incomprehensible Grace
Genesis 38

A quick search on Google displays several websites designed to help us discover our ancestry. You can tell that there is money to be made from people who want to know their history by the amount of TV advertising for these websites. People are interested in their roots. We want to know the origins of our names and from what area of the world our families came. Just like language tells us much about a culture, lineage has significance because it tells us about our heritage.

1. We are more influenced by the world than we care to admit.
2. We discover that God is justified in allowing world crises.
3. We find that even Jesus has skeletons in His closet.

The story of the patriarchs in Genesis reminds us of the grace of God and His sovereignty in human life. The men and women who played a part in this important drama weren't perfect, and some of them were deliberately disobedient. Yet, the Lord used them to accomplish His purposes. It doesn't mean that God approved of their sins. What this story shows us is that God can use the weak things of this world to accomplish His redemptive purposes for us.