
Isn't That Just Like Him? (Matthew 1:1-17)

8 Observations Concerning God & the Earthly Lineage of Jesus

1. **God is a History-Making God**
 - God has a time-table
 - God is not in a hurry (2000 years represented)
 - God is completely in control of people & events
2. **God is a Promise-Keeping God**
 - To Adam (Genesis 3:15)
 - To Abraham
 - To David
 - To Jews
 - To all people
3. **God is a Long-Suffering God**
 - He has not destroyed mankind
 - He has continually attempted to teach & lead mankind (law/proph)
 - He sent His Son to deliver mankind
4. **God is a Sin-Punishing God (11, 17)**
 - Captivity (1 of 2)
 - David, etc.
5. **God is a Mercy-Giving God**
 - Remnant
 - Return
 - Ruler of the line of David
6. **God is a Sinner-Forgiving God**
 - Many in the list (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David)
 - 4 women (& men): Tamar-3, Rahab-5, Ruth-5, Bathsheba-6
7. **God is a People-Using God**
 - All sinners
 - All had weaknesses
 - Many had extreme difficulties (Ruth)
 - All were ancestors of Jesus!
8. **God is a Detail-Caring God**
 - God is concerned about details! (YOUR life! E.g.: temple)
 - ILLUS: Line of David→must happen
 - Joseph's line→descendents forbidden to reign
 - Jesus received legal right, but not physical right
 - The way stated: "the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus"