

“A Samaritan and Demon-Possessed” *John 8:47-54 Genesis 17:1-14;22:17-24*

Abraham is said to be the father of us all in Romans 4:11, 16.

Abraham is the spiritual father, the pattern of salvation in Romans 4:1-3.

And the pattern for greater-grace blessings for all in Genesis 15:6.

Abraham is called the father of circumcision in Romans 4:12.

Abraham is therefore, the prototype and father of a new racial species, the Jew.

And Abraham is also called the father of many Gentile nations in Genesis 17:4-5; Romans 4:17.

God has made five covenants with Israel; The Abrahamic covenant Genesis 12:1-3, The Palestinian or land covenant Genesis 13, Deuteronomy 28, The Mosaic covenant Exodus 20, Galatians 3, The Davidic covenant 2nd Samuel and The New covenant Jeremiah 31.

Four of these covenants are unconditional and one is conditional and the four unconditional covenants are promised and kept by God while the Mosaic law is conditional in that man has a responsibility to uphold his end of the bargain by adhering to the law.

This unconditional covenant is between God acting in favor of Abraham for Abraham and his offspring.

Genesis 12:1 emphasizes Abraham’s need for isolation from his loved ones and complete separation from the astrologers in his hometown of Ur of the Chaldees for the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant, with the development of a brand new race and very importantly, for the development of his spiritual advancement.

There’s a principle here for all of us; Abraham needed separation from his family to avoid a preponderance of personal distractions.

Genesis 12:2 is Abraham’s living-grace support necessary to fulfill God’s promise.

Genesis 12:3 has 3 clauses: 1. Blessing by association; 2. A curse on anti-Semitism; 3. Messianic blessing.

The Exodus was the time of formation for the Jewish nation and this covenant was the basis on which God delivered the Jews, an enslaved race and caused them to become a great nation.

Approximately 700 years after Abraham’s death, there was still blessings for the Jews, all from God’s grace blessing to just one mature believer.

Circumcision in Israel is a reminder that God keeps His word; it means that any Jew who believes in Jesus Christ will be the recipient of this covenant forever and it illustrates the faith-rest life and Abraham’s dependence on the omnipotent faithfulness of God.

Our Lord knew the Word of God in eternity past and He heard it during His Incarnation and He was positive concerning it on both occasions.

Those who are positive toward God and His plan will always be in conflict with those who are negative toward Him and therefore, His plan.

Apparently, the only redemptive solution the angels had was a choice for allegiance to God. Only God the Father and who He designates has the right to bestow honor on anyone. To dishonor the One that the Father has honored is to dishonor the Father Himself, period. Worthless glory or honor is absolutely useless.

Nowhere in the plan of God does the Father say to His Son, “Glorify Yourself at the First Advent” and nowhere in the plan of God are Church Age believers told to glorify themselves either.

Self-oriented glory is meaningless because it comes from pride which is simply, empty vanity. Anything that comes from self like mental attitude sins for example, is not greater than its origin.

If we are not promoted by God the Father, we are not promoted, period.