

THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM

Gen 12:1-3

12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

I. THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO NOTICE IS: THAT GOD PROMISED TO NOT ONLY BLESS ABRAHAM.. BUT ALSO ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH. GOD WANTS HIS BLESSING TO COME UPON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

A. I WANT GOD'S BLESSING UPON MY LIFE!! BE REAL... WOULD YOU RATHER LIVE UNDER THE CURSE OF SIN... OR THE BLESSING OF GOD? WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS DISCOVER WHAT BRINGS THE BLESSING OF GOD UPON OUR LIVES!!

1. WE ARE BLESSED BY FAITH

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Matt 9:29 "According to your faith be it unto you."

OUR OWN FAITH IMPACTS OUR PERSONAL LIVES IN A PROFOUND WAY!!

Rom 12:3 according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

GOD DEALS WITH US ACCORDING TO OUR MEASURE OF FAITH. (Israel)

WE NEED TO MAKE THE INVESTMENT OF TIME IN PRAYER AND STUDY.. TO GROW OUR OWN FAITH!

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Jude 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

THE REWARDS OF A LIFE OF FAITH ARE UNLIMITED AND IMMEASURABLE.

Heb 11:33-34 THE HALL OF FAITH...

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Gal 3:6-9

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

II. WE ARE BLESSED BY OBEDIENCE!!!

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, , obeyed;

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE ARE SIAMESE TWINS. WE OBEY GOD BECAUSE WE BELIEVE GOD. THE REASON PEOPLE STRUGGLE WITH OBEDIENCE IS A LACK OF FAITH!!

A. ON OF THE GREATEST ACTS OF FAITH IN THE BIBLE WAS WHEN ABRAHAM WAS WILLING TO OFFER ISAAC!

Gen 22:10-12

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

THIS IS CRAZY!!! WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING? A MAN WHO BELIEVED GOD AND OBEYED GOD!!

Gen 22:16-18

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

THIS IS WHEN THE GREATEST BLESSING OF GOD WAS PROCLAIMED UPON ABRAHAM'S LIFE!! ARE WE WITHOLDING THE BLESSING OF GOD, BECAUSE OF DISOBEDIENCE? THE BLESSING WAS PASSED ON TO ISAAC.

Gen 21:22 God is with thee in all that thou doest:

Gen 26:4-5 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

B. Matt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

C. Deut 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.