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Waiting on the Lord is faith plus patience.

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The answers from the reversionist are not worth recording.

Reversionistic Abraham has treated Pharaoh unjustly while the unbelieving Pharaoh does not treat Abraham unjustly.

They are liars, cheats, very critical, thieves, gossip-mongers, slanderers, hypocrites, and to be avoided at all cost.

When life is more important than loyalty, faithfulness, honor and integrity, when life is more important than freedom, when life is more important than the will of God and the word of God, then you are a walking reversionist.

Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees as a noble man. Then he left Haran and arrived at Shechem in GEN 12:6 which represents the place of spiritual advance and momentum.

In GEN 12:6, he also went to a place called Moreh which represents the place of basic doctrine.

In GEN 12:8, he went to Bethel which represents the place of advanced doctrine.

You can be honorable and great one day as a believer, and in a very short time thereafter, disciplined and dishonorable through reversionism.

1. To make sure that nothing more happened to Abraham or Sarah.
2. To make sure that the weasel Abraham left his country.

Here is a situation that Sarah went through that could have hindered her spiritual growth if she did not have the ability to overcome any bitterness that she had because of being mistreated by her husband.

ECC 7:12 For wisdom is protection {just as} money is protection. But the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the lives of its possessors.

2TH 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil.

1PE 1:5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

When any man starts taking orders from a woman, especially when a woman gives him orders he wants to hear, like go out and fornicate with Hagar and get her pregnant, he's had it.

GEN 3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life."

GEN 16:1 - the continual barrenness of Sarah, lots of sex but no pregnancy, which is what would be considered by many intelligent people in this century, the ideal situation.

1. The barrenness of Sarah mentioned in GEN 11:30, and 15:2, continues in Gen 16 to see if Abraham and Sarah will claim the promises of God, apply the appropriate doctrine, and wait upon the Lord.

2. Specific promises have already been given to Abraham that he will have an heir, GEN 13:14-17; GEN 15:4-5; therefore, Abraham needs to trust in the character and nature of God and wait for God's timing.

3. No matter how impossible the situation becomes, Abraham and Sarah can enjoy each day by believing the promises of God regarding the heir, applying doctrine, and not worrying about the future.

4. Faith is believing at the moment that promises are received or the moment that the doctrine is perceived that patience is needed before the promises will be fulfilled.

MAR 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you."

The real character of our faith is determined by our patience.
A patient person will wait upon the Lord.

A patient person will also be slow to anger.

Patience gives us the power and the gracious system of thinking to have great understanding and sensitivity toward others.

PRO 14:29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who is quick-tempered exalts foolishness.

Patience with others will also help us resolve and reconcile differences -

PRO 15:18 "A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but the slow to anger pacifies contention."

Patience also gives the believer fantastic strength under pressure -

PRO 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

Patience will also allow us to be discreet and overlook the sins of others -
PRO 19:11 A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

Patience allows us to rest in the Lord and let the supreme court judge handle any unfair or unjust treatment -

PSA 37:7 Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.

Many of you are going to find yourself in a very confusing situation like Sarah did as you go forward in the spiritual life.

The last statement in verse 13 is only true for a special kind of believer called the supergrace or the advanced spiritual believer like Sarah.

Believers who have reached supergrace or the advanced spiritual believer like Sarah have a phenomenal gracious mental attitude.

They can take their minds off their own problems and focus on the needs of others, and they give graciously and sacrificially.

Supergrace believers or the advanced spiritual believer like Sarah get out of the way and let God work all things together for good.

The supergrace or the advanced spiritual believer like Sarah is instructed to let this fantastic mental attitude be known.

One of the most difficult tests of the spiritual life on earth is supergrace or the advanced spiritual life like Sarah had to go through.

It reveals the beginning of living in no man's land between supergrace and ultra-supergrace, where we finally experience what living in the minority is all about.

Both of them were geniuses and reached ultra-supergrace where their lives were enshrouded with continual pressure and suffering.

These are the believers who wear the highest honor that can come to the human race, to have total blessing and wear a shroud of pressure and disaster all the time they're in that total blessing.

The highest dignity ever bestowed upon any born again believer is the shroud of pressure and suffering which belongs to the ultra-supergrace believer.

Ultra-supergrace provides everything found in the blessings of supergrace plus the intensification of these blessings completely enshrouded in maximum pressure and persecution from the satanic forces of evil.

This does not mean he was perfect; supergrace and ultra-supergrace believers sin too, 1JO 1:8-10.

David made his mistakes and tells us of the resulting discipline while in operation Bathsheba (Psa 38 and Psa 51).

David was a supergrace believer before operation Bathsheba and after operation Bathsheba.

Supergrace is maximum glorification of Jesus Christ complementing His strategic victory of the angelic conflict with the believer's tactical victory and going through undeserved suffering.

Supergrace is the status of spiritual maturity while ultra-supergrace is maximum growth and blessing attended by maximum suffering, which only intensifies the blessing.

Under spiritual blessings, the supergrace believer also has the ability to correctly interpret contemporary history, to evaluate current events in the light of the Word of God.