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Genesis 12:1-9

THE CALL OF ABRAM

¹The Lord said to Abram:

Go from your land,
your relatives,
and your father's house
to the land that I will show you.

²I will make you into a great nation,
I will bless you,

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you,
I will curse anyone who treats you
with contempt,
and all the peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.

Genesis 12:1-9

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated, and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the site of Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. (At that time the Canaanites were in the land.)

Genesis 12:1–9

⁷The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. He built an altar to the Lord there, and he called on the name of the Lord. ⁹Then Abram journeyed by stages to the Negev.

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Genesis 15:1–21

¹After these events, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield; your reward will be very great.

²But Abram said, “Lord God, **what can you give me**, since I am childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

³Abram continued, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house will be my heir.”

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⁴Now the word of the Lord came to him: “This one will not be your heir; instead, one who comes from your own body will be your heir.”

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⁵He took him outside and said, . . .

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⁵He took him outside and said, “Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “Your offspring will be that numerous.”

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]אָמַן, אָמַן 539’ aman /aw·man/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 116; GK 586 and 587; 108 occurrences; AV translates as “believe” 44 times, “assurance” once, “faithful” 20 times, “sure” 11 times, “established” seven times, “trust” five times, “verified” three times, “stedfast” twice, “continuance” twice, “father” twice, “bring up” four times, “nurse” twice, “be nursed” once, “surely be” once, “stand fast” once, “fail” once, and “trusty” once. 1 to support, confirm, be faithful. 1A (Qal). 1A1 to support, confirm, be faithful, uphold, nourish. 1A1A foster-father (subst.). 1A1B foster-mother, nurse. 1A1C pillars, supporters of the door. 1B (Niphal). 1B1 to be established, be faithful, be carried, make firm. 1B1A to be carried by a nurse. 1B1B made firm, sure, lasting. 1B1C confirmed, established, sure. 1B1D verified, confirmed. 1B1E reliable, faithful, trusty. 1C (Hiphil). 1C1 to stand firm, to trust, to be certain, to believe in. 1C1A stand firm. 1C1B trust, believe.

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πιστεύω pisteúō; fut. pisteúsō, from πίστις (4102), faith.
To believe, have faith in, trust.

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[חָשַׁב, חֲשַׁב 2803chashab /khaw·shab/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 767; GK 3108 and 3110; 124 occurrences; AV translates as “count” 23 times, “devise” 22 times, “think” 18 times, “imagine” nine times, “cunning” eight times, “reckon” seven times, “purpose” six times, “esteem” six times, “account” five times, “impute” four times, “forecast” twice, “regard” twice, “workman” twice, “conceived” once, and translated miscellaneous nine times. 1 to think, plan, esteem, calculate, invent, make a judgment, imagine, count. 1a (Qal). 1a1 to think, account. 1a2 to plan, devise, mean. 1a3 to charge, impute, reckon. 1a4 to esteem, value, regard. 1a5 to invent. 1b (Niphal). 1b1 to be accounted, be thought, be esteemed. 1b2 to be computed, be reckoned. 1b3 to be imputed. 1c (Piel). 1c1 to think upon, consider, be mindful of. 1c2 to think to do, devise, plan. 1c3 to count, reckon. 1d (Hithpael) to be considered.

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λογίζομαι logízomai; fut. logísomai, fut. pass.
logisthḗsomai, aor. elogisámēn; aor. pass. elogísthēn,
mid. deponent from λόγος (3056), reason, word,
account. To reckon, impute, number.

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] צְדָקָה 6666tsâdaqah /tsed·aw·kaw/] n f. From 6663; TWOT 1879b; GK 7407; 157 occurrences; AV translates as “righteousness” 128 times, “justice” 15 times, “right” nine times, “righteous acts” three times, “moderately” once, and “righteously” once. 1 justice, righteousness. 1a righteousness (in government). 1a1 of judge, ruler, king. 1a2 of law. 1a3 of Davidic king Messiah. 1b righteousness (of God’s attribute). 1c righteousness (in a case or cause). 1d righteousness, truthfulness. 1e righteousness (as ethically right). 1f righteousness (as vindicated), justification, salvation. 1f1 of God. 1f2 prosperity (of people). 1g righteous acts.

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δικαιοσύνη dikaiosúnē; gen. dikaiosúnēs, fem. noun from díkaios (1342), just, righteous. Justice, righteousness. It is the essence of τό δίκαιον, that which is just, or díkaios, of him who is just or righteous. The súnē ending makes this an abstraction. Righteousness fulfills the claims of díkē, which, in the case of the believer, are God's claims; and in the case of the nonbeliever, the claims of that higher authority which a person adopts as his own standard. Dikaiosúnē, righteousness, is thus conformity to the claims of higher authority and stands in opposition to anomía (458), lawlessness.

Romans 4:16–25

¹⁶This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants – not only to the one who is of the law but also to the one who is of Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: I have made you the father of many nations – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, the one who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist. ¹⁸He believed, hoping against hope, so that he became the father of many nations according to what had been spoken: So will your descendants be.

Romans 4:16–25

¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about a hundred years old) and also the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹because he was fully convinced that what God had promised, he was also able to do.

Romans 4:16-25

²²Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness.

²³Now it was credited to him was not written for Abraham alone, ²⁴but also for us. It will be credited to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Galatians 3:1–9

JUSTIFICATION THROUGH FAITH

¹You foolish Galatians! Who has cast a spell on you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? ²I only want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? After beginning by the Spirit, are you now finishing by the flesh?

Galatians 3:1–9

⁴Did you experience so much for nothing – if in fact it was for nothing? ⁵So then, does God give you the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law? Or is it by believing what you heard – ⁶just like Abraham who believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness?

Galatians 3:1–9

⁷You know, then, that those who have faith, these are Abraham's sons. ⁸Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and proclaimed the gospel ahead of time to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed through you. ⁹Consequently, those who have faith are blessed with Abraham, who had faith.

James 2:18–26

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one. Good! Even the demons believe – and they shudder.

James 2:18–26

²⁰Senseless person! Are you willing to learn that faith without works is useless? ²¹Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works in offering Isaac his son on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active together with his works, and by works, faith was made complete, ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God's friend.

James 2:18–26

²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵In the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute also justified by works in receiving the messengers and sending them out by a different route? ²⁶For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

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Order is Crucial

1. Faith

2. Righteousness

Righteousness

1. God's/Jesus'

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2. Man's (self-righteous)

Righteousness

1. God's/Jesus'

2. Man's (self-righteous)

3. Forensic

Righteousness

1. God's/Jesus'
2. Man's (self-righteous)
3. Forensic "God as Judge" makes a declaration

Righteousness

1. God's/Jesus'
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4. Imputed

Righteousness

1. God's/Jesus'
2. Man's (self-righteous)
3. Forensic "God as Judge" makes a declaration
4. Imputed "Jesus' righteousness" applied to us

Righteousness

1. God's/Jesus'
2. Man's (self-righteous)
3. Forensic "God as Judge" makes a declaration
4. Imputed "Jesus' righteousness" applied to us
5. Ethical/Relational

Righteousness

1. God's/Jesus'
2. Man's (self-righteous)
3. Forensic "God as Judge" makes a declaration
4. Imputed "Jesus' righteousness" applied to us
5. Ethical/Relational "Work of the Holy Spirit" in us

Genesis 15:1-21

⁷He also said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.”

⁸But he said, “Lord God, **how can I know** that I will possess it?”

⁹He said to him, “Bring me a three-year-old cow, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

Genesis 15:1-21

¹⁰So he brought all these to him, cut them in half, and laid the pieces opposite each other, but he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹Birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was setting, a deep sleep came over Abram, **and suddenly great terror and darkness descended on him.**

Genesis 15:1–21

¹³Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know this for certain: Your offspring will be resident aliens for four hundred years in a land that does not belong to them and will be enslaved and oppressed.

¹⁴However, I will judge the nation they serve, and afterward they will go out with many possessions. ¹⁵But you will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶In the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

Genesis 15:1-21

¹⁷When the sun had set and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the divided animals. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "I give this land to your offspring, from the Brook of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River: ¹⁹the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, ²⁰Hethites, Perizzites, Rephaim, ²¹Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites."

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