

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB

SEEING CHRIST THROUGH STRUGGLING SAINTS



Genesis 12:1-7 & 15:1-6

Summary from last week

1. God is the same yesterday, today, forever
2. God progressively reveals Himself to mankind throughout scripture!

Summary from last week

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

The God of Abraham - Part 1

1. Covenant **defined** and **described**
2. Covenant **initiated** and **expanded**
3. Covenant **foreshadowed** and **fulfilled**

1. Covenant defined and described

“A covenant is a relationship between two partners who make binding promises to each other, often through ceremony, ritual, or written contract.”

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We functionally understand “covenants” way more than we use the term.

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Why Covenants?

“All relationships are made peaceful and pure by the fulfillment of covenants and promises and oaths and contracts and commitments...”

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Why Covenants?

“...Children to parents, and parents to children.
Husbands to wives and wives to husbands.
Employer to employee and employee to employer.
Citizen to state and state to citizen...”

1. Covenant defined and described

Why Covenants?

“...The peace and prosperity and joy—the shalom—of the community is held together by the deep strong spirit of covenant-keeping that pervades the community...”

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Why Covenants?

“...The very fabric of the community is the trustworthiness of its people. Do they keep their commitments?”

- John Piper

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Why Covenants?

“The other way for people to try to live together in community is the opposite of covenantal order; it's what you might call the disorder of self-indulgence. In this community the spirit of commitment-making and commitment”

1. Covenant defined and described

Why Covenants?

“...keeping has been replaced by a spirit of emotional and physical impulse. The moral fabric of faithfulness to covenants and promises and contracts is unraveled and what's left are the individual strands of private gratification.”

- John Piper

1. Covenant defined and described

“a bond in blood sovereignly administered”

- O Palmer Robertson

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2. Covenant initiated and expanded

“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.”

- Genesis 6:5-6

2. Covenant initiated and expanded

**God set his affection and
protection on Abram**

2. Covenant initiated and expanded

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on...

2. Covenant initiated and expanded

... you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

- Deuteronomy 7:6-8

2. Covenant initiated and expanded

“I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.”

- Genesis 12:11b-13

2. Covenant initiated and expanded

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

- Romans 4:20-21

2. Covenant initiated and expanded

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

- Genesis 15:1

2. Covenant initiated and expanded

And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

- Genesis 15:6

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But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”

- Genesis 15:8

3. Covenant foreshadowed and fulfilled

He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

- Genesis 15:9-11

3. Covenant foreshadowed and fulfilled

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.

- Genesis 15:12-13

3. Covenant foreshadowed and fulfilled

But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

- Genesis 15:14-16

3. Covenant foreshadowed and fulfilled

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

- Genesis 15:17-18

3. Covenant foreshadowed and fulfilled
the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the
Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the
Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the
Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

- Genesis 15:19-21