

GOD WANTS A FAMILY 4 - INHERITANCE AND GENERATIONAL BLESSING

Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you." ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (**HE WAS 75**)

I. ABRAHAM WANTED A FAMILY AND BECAME THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FIGURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ALL BECAUSE HE BELIEVED GOD WOULD GIVE HIM DESCENDANTS

- **GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM HAS GIVEN US AN INHERITANCE WHICH IS FULFILLED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**
- **WHAT BEGAN AS A PROMISE TO A MAN WHO WANTED A FAMILY RESULTED IN THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S DESIRE FOR A FAMILY ON EARTH**

A. GOD CARES ABOUT BLOODLINES BECAUSE HE IS A GOD WHO KEEPS COVENANT. He is faithful to every generation

1. THE SEED OF SALVATION

GEN. 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

2. GOD CALLED ABRAHAM OUT OF HIS LAND AND AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY TO BEGIN SOMETHING COMPLETELY NEW

Gen. 15:4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ **And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.**

II. GOD USES OUR FAMILY TO TEACH US ABOUT HIS FAMILY

A. FAITH AND INHERITANCE

1. EVERYTHING IN THE KINGDOM IS IGNITED BY FAITH

ILLUSTRATION - A pilot light is a flame - ignition happens when you turn the dial to cause a fire

Rom. 4:16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, **not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all** ¹⁷ (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, **who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;** ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ **He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,** ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

2. INHERITANCE IS TO RECEIVE FROM WHAT OTHERS HAVE DONE

Rom. 4:23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴ **but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him** who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was **delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of (FOR) our justification.**

3. OUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST IS TO BECOME SONS OF GOD

GAL. 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "**And to your Seed,**" **who is Christ.** (Gen. 3:15)

Gal. 3:26 **For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.**

Gal. 3:29 **And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

4. WE ARE SONS NOT SLAVES - FREEDOM!

Gal. 4:6 *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"*⁷ *Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

5. THE SONS OF GOD HAVE HIS DNA (SEED HAS EVERYTHING IN IT TO REPRODUCE AND RECREATE IT'S LIFE AND CHARACTER)

ROMANS 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*¹⁵ *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*¹⁶ *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (IDENTITY!)*¹⁷ *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

III. WHAT GOD'S FAMILY LOOKS LIKE ON EARTH - AUTHORITY/POWER

- NO MORE WALL OF DIVISION - IT IS REMOVED

Eph. 2:14 *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,*¹⁵ *having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,*¹⁶ *and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.*¹⁷ *And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.*

- DIVINE UNITY IS PROTECTED BY FORGIVENESS NOT SPIRIT
THE RELEASE OF OUR INHERITANCE CAN BE HELD BACK IF WE REFUSE TO FORGIVE OTHERS. IT'S OUR JOB TO FORGIVE!

John 17:20 *"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;*²¹ *that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.*

- **WE CANNOT FULLY BECOME ONE WITH CHRIST IF WE HOLD ONTO OFFENSE. OUR OFFENSE BLOCKS THE RELEASE OF GRACE AND THE FULL DISPLAY OF HIS GLORY IN US BECAUSE IT CRIES OUT FOR VENGEANCE.**

Matt. 6:15 But if **you** do **not forgive** men their trespasses, neither **will** your Father **forgive** your trespasses.

- **THE BLOOD OF JESUS SPEAKS BETTER THINGS *THAN THE BLOOD OF ABEL***

Heb. 12:24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of Abel*.

- **FAMILY LIFE - GIFTED, ORDERED AND PRESENCE-FILLED NOT STRANGERS BUT BELONGING IN HIS FAMILY**

EPH 2:18 *For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.*

Eph. 2:19 *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,²² **in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.***

- **GOD'S FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND HIS FAMILY ON EARTH HAVE BEEN UNITED THROUGH THE VICTORY OF JESUS CHRIST**

Eph. 1:10 *that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times **He might gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.*

Col. 1:16 *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

Col. 1:20 *and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.*