

The Promise, God's Everlasting Covenant

Lesson 5: "Children of the Promise"

This Week's Study: Gen. 15:1–3, Isa. 25:8, 1 Cor. 2:9, Rev. 22:1–5, 1 Pet. 2:9, Gen. 11:4, Gen. 12:2.

Memory Verse

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV) "... lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen..

A father and his 10-year-old daughter were spending their holiday at the seashore. One day they went out to enjoy a swim in the ocean, and although they were both good swimmers, some distance out from the shore they became separated. The father, realizing that they were being carried out to sea by the tide, called to his child: 'Mary, I'm going to shore for help. If you get tired, turn on your back.

You can float all day that way. I'll come back for you.' "Before long, many searchers and boats were scurrying over the face of the water hunting for one small girl. Hundreds of people on the shore had heard the news and were waiting anxiously. It was four hours before they found her, far from land, but she was calmly floating on her back and not at all frightened. Cheers and tears of joy and relief greeted the rescuers when they came back to land with their precious burden, but the child took it all calmly. She seemed to think it was strange the way they acted. She said, 'Father said I could float all day on my back and that he would come for me, so I just swam and floated, because I knew he'd come.' "—H. M. S. Richards,

Thy Shield

Genesis 15:1–3 (NKJV) *After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"*

- A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. 'Yes, sir,' the boy replied. 'And, do you always say them in the morning, too?' the pastor asked... 'No sir,' the boy replied. 'I ain't scared in the daytime.'
- Genesis 46:3** *So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.*

Genesis 12:11–13 (NKJV) *And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance. 12 Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."*

Genesis 34:30 (NKJV) *Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me by making me obnoxious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and since I am few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and kill me. I shall be destroyed, my household and I."*

Deuteronomy 20:8 *'What man is there who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart.'*

Mark 4:39, 40 *Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"*

- The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else. - Oswald Chambers

Psalms 144:2 , *My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, ...*

Psalms 91:4 (NKJV) *He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.*

The Messianic Promise: Part 1

Genesis 28:14 (NKJV) *Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

Genesis 18:18 (NKJV) *since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?*

The Bible also came through the seed of Abraham and all the world has been blessed through the Word produced exclusively through Israelites.

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

Genesis 49:10 (NKJV) *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.*

John 8:39 (NKJV) *They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.*

The Messianic Promise: Part 2

Job 19:25–27 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; ²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Psalm 50:3–5 (NKJV) Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. ⁴ He shall call to the heavens from above, And to the earth, that He may judge His people: ⁵ “Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 (NKJV) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

John 14:1–3 (NKJV) “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Revelation 3:12 (NKJV) He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

A Great and Mighty Nation . . .

Deuteronomy 4:6–8 (NKJV) Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷ “For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? ⁸ And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?

Joshua 21:44–45 (NKJV) The Lord gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. ⁴⁵ Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

Psalm 19:7 (NKJV) The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

“Make Your Name Great”

Genesis 12:1–2 (NKJV) 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.

By deserting his country at 75, he lost his name there.

Abram = A high father; father of height; the exalted father; high and lofty thinker; high or honored father.

Abraham = Father of a multitude; father of many nations.

Nearly 4 billion people in the world trace their religious roots to Abraham

“His name is great among the Jews his descendants, who boasted of having Abram for their father; and among the several nations of the world; his name is famous in secular history, and is in high esteem with the Muslims to this day; and especially his name is great and famous, and the memory of him precious among all those who have obtained like precious faith with him, in every age and in every nation:” - M. Henry
1 Samuel 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory.

Hebrews 11:8–10 (NKJV) By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Hebrews 11:17–19 (NKJV) By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” ¹⁹ concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

2 Samuel 7:1 Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around,
Nehemiah 9:23 (NKJV) You also multiplied their children as the stars of heaven, And brought them into the land Which You had told their fathers To go in and possess.