

Great Promises from Above

Abrahamic Covenant: God's absolute commitment to bless YOU.

Genesis 12:1-8

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

God lead one step at a time – process - otherwise - overwhelmed

A. FIVE GREAT PROMISES IN THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Gal 3:7 Therefore know that only those who are of **faith** are **sons** of Abraham. NKJV

1. God promises GREAT INCREASE

2 I will cause you to become the father of a great nation.

Great year – everyone – rich or poor

Why must we always focus on INCREASE?

Why focus on INC?

Sometimes, think made it

– made millions – retire – bigger visions

Keep us **young** (Caleb) – from **sin** – David

2. God promises GREAT Blessings

and I will bless you;

Deut 28:8-9

8 "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand. NKJV

NIV 8 The LORD will send a blessing on your barns ...

Translators – **water down** – what they cannot fathom

What are the things that can distract us from the commanded blessings?

One thing certain – commanded blessings – promised in the word → miracles

Gal 3:5-7

5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the **hearing of faith**?

Human way – 13 laws – get blessed – even some C seminars

Bible way – not our works – human effort - **hearing** – releases - **faith** (expectation) – favour – opportunities released

Feel out of place – still struggling

Blessings are imparted when blessings are proclaimed.

Testimonies

What are the common features in those testimonies?

Attentive to word

Therefore as you **teach** them every **week, week** after week, I will **surely** bless them. Riches of the world is theirs.

3. God promises GREAT NAME

I will make your name great, What does a GREAT NAME mean?

Deuteronomy 8:18

18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may **establish** His **covenant** which He **promised**

1 Timothy 6:17

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

4. God promises GREAT PURPOSE

and I will make you a blessing to others.

Why is this a PROMISE and not a law attached to the previous PROMISE

Not a **law** attached to the promise – Human effort

I give this – you must OR ELSE – string attached

Another promise – giving – great blessing – privilege and grace

Being a blessing – God's effort – not self effort

1 Timothy 6:18

18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

Prov 1:32 ... and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. KJV

Fools – don't ack God

Key – not be ruined by money – grace – keep giving

False **contentment** – selfish

Seminar – 6000 OK – rebuked – you say – Christian – why

don't give – some people's mouth call for blows

5. God promises GREAT PROTECTION

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Anyone hinder your pros – incurs God's **wrath**

Genesis 11:32

32 Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Haran.

What does the death of Terah tell us?

What a great beginning of a great story! – **death** – with A COV – even

Grief of lost of loved one – hinge to

Dead of a **relationship** – tried all you can – come to term – move on

Dead dream

Ps 4:1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress. KJV

God can **turn** problems around and take us a step closer to great blessings if we know to **react** positively.

Can you think of some experiences how God bring you closer to great blessings despite of some harassments?

Joseph – things happen not so good – still believe – intp dream

Never loosed his rel w God NEAR Christmas – remind me of

Tsunami

Again – **negative** prophecies – God judging

World **already** – process of decay – God process of restoration – many

good come out of d work

Why d send? - so **Threaten** about Asia? 2 yrs

Call it the **Asian tsunami** - marked D may send a tsunami of

harassment – sabotage – daily chores

Harass – bitter – distract – kept from blessings

B. GOD HIMSELF IS THE GUARANTOR OF THE BLESSINGS

Gen 12:6 Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. 7 The 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.

Altar of His presence

Romans 8:26

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

How do we build God's presence in our daily life?

You can measure how **powerful** a truth is by amt of opposition – **hatred** it generates - **distractions**

Isa 28:11-12 ... with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear. NKJV

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SIX years cannot sleep - 2

Acts 2:7-11

11 ... we hear them **speaking** in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

wonderful work – what

God has plan for your life

OT: If want to sell – priest

- assess – Jesus our HP -

you

Jewish ORAL tradition

Gen 12: 8 From there he went on towards the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and **called** on the name of the LORD.

Altar of proclamation

Isa 53:5-7

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Why is constant

proclamation of Christ's

work so imp't to our

success?

1 Corinthians 11:26

26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

HC - Just when you think

– not worthy to receive –

proclaim – my body broken

2 Corinthians 8:9

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Your weakness – will not stand in the way

Can break 15 laws of

success - still – OK –

Peter - deserves

Joseph, Isaac – one thing in common

Genesis 26:23-25

23 From there he went up to Beersheba. 24 That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham." 25 Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

This 26 – different – not the normal reading testimonies – already doing every week – proclamation – HC