

Monday, 5 September 2016

Genesis 15:1-6

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." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the LORD, God the Almighty came to Abram and he heard and he believed. It was a soul-transforming Word. And Abram believed and obeyed. Yes, there was Hagar and Ishmael, a case where Abram thought he knew how God was going to fulfill His promise but soon realized his error.

Likewise, instances where I 'know' how the LORD, God the Almighty is going to work something out, I am sure I know. But a time for course correction and to humbly acknowledge that He is in control.

Tuesday, 6 September 2016

Genesis 22:15-18

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

I just realized that the blessing I enjoy as a child of God flow directly from Abraham's obedience. And that my obedience will flow as blessing to my descendants for the promises of the LORD, God the Almighty are yea and amen forever.

Wednesday, 7 September 2016

Genesis 26:2-6

And the LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt;

dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." So Isaac settled in Gerar.

Again, I see the blessings flowing down to the next generation and the reinforcement of their continued existence. What an incentive for me to to be faithful in my walk before the LORD.

Thursday, 8 September 2016

Exodus 4:27-31

The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which he had sent him to speak, and all the signs that he had commanded him to do. Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Belief, true belief that has moved from the head to the heart, will result in worship. Worship will take a number of forms but the object of the worship will always be the LORD, God the Almighty. The form may be singing praise or it may be an expression of love of neighbor but always it will be directed towards God the Father, God the Son and God, the Holy Spirit.

Friday, 9 September 2016

Exodus 14:27-31

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the

seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Sometimes I need to see the great power of the LORD, God the Almighty to reinforce or refresh my belief. There are times when the Evil One begins to work on me and tell me that I don't really believe, its just head knowledge, but then I see the hand of the LORD moving in power. My response must be, "Yes LORD, You are the Great One who reigns over all. Help me in my unbelief."

Saturday, 10 September 2016
Exodus 19:1-6

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

To believe/to obey result in blessing. Unfathomable, incomprehensible blessing. How can I get this weak human mind around all the richness of being a priest and a member of the holy nation of the Kingdom of Heaven? But it is true and I am! 1 Peter 2:9 confirms it.

The LORD, God the Almighty, not only made the promise, He made the realization of it possible through Himself. Praise His Holy Name.

Lord's Day, 11 September 2016
Psalm 119:123

My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise.

Come, Lord Jesus come. Take Your people home.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



September 5-11, 2016

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.*

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