

Abraham's Seed

"And the angel of the LORD called unto him Abraham out of the heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thee, thy seed shall be as the stars of the heaven, and as the sands upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gates of his enemies" (Genesis 22:15-18).

Galatians 3:6-9,14,16,18,26-29

Galatians 6:16

God swore it by Himself. Hallelujah! If that don't make a fellow feel like hollering, "Hallelujah." Right. Oh!

God said, "Abraham, because you've did this. Not what somebody else will do, but because you have did this. By faith you walked, and I honor that thing there. Not honor works anymore; I will not honor this. I will honor faith. And because you did this, without knowing what would be the outcome, I've saved you. I will save your seed. I will take an oath by Myself." Amen. "And your Seed shall possess the gates of their enemy." Amen. That settles it, to me. That's all that has to be done.

"And in thy seed shall all the nations of this earth be blessed (the Americans, the Germans,) because thou hast obeyed my voice" (Verse 18).

All right, predestinated as He was, makes the Word Seed flesh in you, His Church. God's Word... You say, "Sure Brother Branham, every Word, I believe It." Then don't back up when you get your tradition, see? Stay right with that Word and stay with that; watch what happens. Say, "Oh Lord, I believe It. Send the Holy Spirit." Then watch. Then if He goes to bearing record, then you know you got It--not by some sensation, the devils do that; not by some miracles, the devils do that; but by your constant belief in the Word of God and the life that you live--never denying nothing. All right, that makes the Word becoming flesh, see, flesh and the same water Spirit.

Now wait a minute. I can't pass this by. See, Jesus was the seed of Abraham, fleshly speaking. Is that right?--a predestinated seed of Abraham. And when the Spirit fell on Him, what kind of a life did He bring?--He brought a faith life. What kind of a life?

"You mean He was going to be a sojourner like Abraham?"

That's where people get so mixed up today. They try to think that a man of God has to do this and follow this and do that. Oh mercy, no! How was Christ the Seed of Abraham? Not so much in His body, because Isaac, that seed of Isaac, finally fell

and died. It backslid and hybrid too. We will get to it directly. See? **But the faith seed of Abraham that he believed God's Word regardless of what the circumstances be...** There you are! Whew! You know, I feel like shouting! Look, see look, the faith seed of Abraham. What was it?--**not Abraham's body, but Abraham's faith.** Abraham's faith in what?--the Word of God. No matter what come, he called anything contrary to It as though it wasn't even there. Oh me, wouldn't that rip these denominations to pieces? Umph, umph, umph, umph! It sure would.

That's the reason that God could work His works through Jesus; He was a predestinated Son. He was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world! Before a hundred billion, trillion, million years ago that we said Genesis 1:1 spoke of awhile ago, He was right then predestinated to take His place. Amen! That's the reason the will of the Father He did. He was the Word made manifest. And every one of the other sons will have the same manifestation, and that's the ones that was predestinated.

And we are the children of Abraham (Hallelujah!), not as Isaac was, but his Royal Seed (through Jesus Christ) **by the faith** that he had. Abraham's Seed coming forth in the last days to shine like the stars. Abraham's children! "Considered not his own body now dead." Neither even considered it! It wasn't even brought into question whether God would do it or not, God said he would do it! Why? It was revealed to him. Is that right?

When it's revealed to you, when it really... something... **You can't make it happen, it's got to be revealed to you.** Then you don't even consider anything else: how impossible it is, don't consider what the doctor said, you don't consider what mama said, what papa said, what the preacher said, what anybody else said. You just consider what God said!

"He considered not his own body now dead, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb. It wasn't even brought under consideration. Oh, my, that just shakes me. Body dead, nor the deadness of Sarah's womb, not even brought under consideration.

No circumstances will be considered when faith finds its bedding ground!

Consider: There always has been a church natural and a church spiritual. There is a church natural that these women here type (Hagar - Sarah), and there's a Church Spiritual also (Gal. 4:21-31). So the natural church and the Spiritual Church cannot be heirs together. They're two different, separate times, two different separate people, under two different separate covenants.

That's why the rapture is different and will only be for the Royal Seed of Abraham. It cannot come by the natural, carnal seed of the church. It'll have to be the Royal Seed of the Word of God through Abraham, the Royal Seed. That's why the rapture has to be first, 'cause remember, "we which are alive and remain shall not hinder, prevent those which are asleep. For the trumpet of God shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first. We which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them together and meet the Lord in the air" (I Thess. 4:13-17). Notice, and again it's written, "And the rest of the dead live not for a thousand years" (Rev. 20:4-5).

Therefore, they will not be heirs together; they'll not be in the rapture together. There's absolutely a church natural and Church Spiritual, a church carnal, a Church Spiritual.

See, there is no judgment to the Royal, Spiritual, predestinated Seed of Abraham, for they are predestinated to Eternal Life. They have accepted God's provided Sacrifice, and that Sacrifice which is Christ, the Word. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1) who walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit." And St. John 5:24, "He that heareth My Word" (the word there is 'understandeth.' Any drunkard anything else can hear it, can walk away)... But he that heareth My Word--understands My Word. Then come along the royal seed of Abraham. They were all the natural seed from Isaac. But here come the royal seed of Abraham, which was Christ--**Abraham's seed of faith**, what we're supposed to be. You see whether we are or not.

The natural seed only was a type. All others were born of natural birth, but He, Jesus, come of virgin birth. See, that wasn't of the seed of Abraham then, a Jew. He come by the seed of faith of the promise. And then, we're supposed to be his children through this man called Jesus. Watch what He did.

When He was on earth He conquered and possessed every gate the enemy had, the royal seed. He promised it by the Word. He conquered it. He conquered the gate of sickness for us. That's what He come to do. Remember, sick people, He conquered that gate. You don't have to conquer it, He conquered it. The other men had to conquer their own gate. But you don't have to conquer it, it's already conquered.

He conquered the gates of sickness, and what did He do when He conquered the gates of sickness? Saying that He would... Whatever you ask on earth, or whatever you bound on earth, He'd bind it in heaven--give us the keys to the gate. He conquered the gate of temptation by the Word, and the keys was, "Resist the enemy and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). He conquered it all--conquered every sickness, conquered death and He conquered hell (Rev. 1:17-18).

He conquered what the others couldn't conquer, because they're the natural seed. This is the spiritual seed. He conquered the gate of the grave, and rose up on the third day for our justification. And now we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37). We just walk right into it as an inheritance, we are more than conquerors. Now we are dealing with a defeated enemy. Sickness is defeated, death is defeated, hell is defeated. Everything's defeated. Oh, my!

Abraham's seed of faith.

Look. Faith is unconscious. Amen. You believe it? I've learned that in the years of travel around the world, and meeting the peoples of all different walks. But faith is unconscious. You got faith and don't even know it. That's right.

Jesus Christ, no matter if He was in a storm and the gale is knocking the boat from one side to the other, or He was standing in the face of mess of demons; if He was hanging anywhere, it never moved Him. He walked right along, just as calm and quiet as He could be. Why? He was simply unconscious of fear or anything around Him. That's right. Whether it was going to happen, or whether it wasn't going to happen; He knowed it was going to happen because God said so. He didn't say, "Oh, wonder if I prayed through? Wonder if I fasted long enough? Wonder if I did this?"

He just walked right on, unconscious. That's right. He believed what God said was truth. The Words must be fulfilled and He knewed what His life was to fulfill Them. That's right.

And you're here to fulfill It, too, the promised Words (Heb. 10:5-7). Just walk unconscious of fear. Walk unconscious of criticism. Walk unconscious of the world. Walk as you walk in Christ, walk with Him. Not paying any attention, the right or left hand; just keep moving on. If something comes up in the church; walk with God. Hallelujah! If sickness strikes you; walk with God. If the neighbor don't like you; walk with God. Just keep on walking with God.

Enoch, one day walked like that (Heb. 11:5-6). You know what he done? He walked all the way Home, with God; got so far up the road, he didn't want to come back anymore. Amen. (Genesis 5:22-24).

We read in Genesis 15:1-6,

"After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed; and, lo, one born in my house (Eliezer) is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness."

Abraham's seed. Then number them. You couldn't do it. "So shall thy seed be." And listen. Here is what did it: "And Abraham believed in the LORD; oh, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

He never said, "Now, Lord, I will tell you what I will do. I will do a certain, certain thing. And I will do this, or that." He, **he just believed the Lord**, and it was counted to him for righteous, because God said so. He had swore by it, that He would do it.

Our scene opens at one of the most marvelous scenes in Abraham. You know that Abraham is the father of the faithful. And the promise was made to Abraham. And only being heirs with him, through Christ, is the only way we receive the promise--is through Abraham.

Now, Abraham was just an ordinary man. But he was called of God, and he was faithful to that call. When God spoke to him, Abraham never one time doubted that voice (Gen. 12:1-8). He stayed right with it. No matter what the difficult was, he stayed right with it. And then he was promised a son. And he waited twenty-five years to receive that son, calling anything contrary to it as though it wasn't so (Romans 4:13-22).

And then in this son all the families of the earth was to be blessed. And the patriarch was faithful to his call in the promised Word. He was an example of what we should be. Now, we being dead in Christ, we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise (Gal. 3:29).

Now, there was two seed of Abraham. One of them was natural seed, the other one was the spiritual seed. One of them was natural by his flesh, the other was the seed of his faith--the faith that we also might be Abraham's seed by the promised Word.

God's promise was: "I will multiply thy seed", and Christ, the anointed Word of this hour, is the promised seed (singular) of Abraham (Galatians 3:16). Christ was the Royal spiritual predestinated seed of Abraham.

Let us once more inspect Abraham's faith:

Notice little Isaac going up the hill - Genesis 22. And he got suspicious. And he looked around, and he said, "My father?"

And he said, "Here am I, my son."

He said, "Here is the wood. And here is all, everything, the fire. But where is the lamb for the burnt-offering."

Listen to that old daddy, without a quiver in his voice, he said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the sacrifice." And Abraham, knowing in his mind, that the word of God standing out there. He called the place Jehovah-Jireh. His only son going to the slaughter, but yet that faithful old heart had knowed that God can't lie.

That's the Seed of Abraham today! "How can it be, Brother?" God will provide for Himself! "How is He going to?" I don't know. But He's Jehovah-Jireh!

Got up to the top of the hill, rolled up the rock. Put the wood on the rocks, and lit it with the fire. Said, "Isaac, my son, turn around." He took the string from around his waist, and bound his hands and his feet. Isaac, obedient, as Christ was, to death (Phil. 2:8), laid him up on the block. Reached down in his sheath and pulled out the big knife; honed it a few times, looking up towards the sky.

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, knowing that he had received him as one from the dead (Abraham's and Sarah's body); fully persuaded that if God said so, for him to do it, He could raise him up from the dead." That's Abraham, and that's his Seed after him. If that was the natural seed, what ought the royal Seed to be? Not staggering! What God said, God will do. Knowing that, he was fully persuaded; that what God had promised, God was able to do.

Honed the knife; little Isaac's little dark, eyes watching that big sharp blade as it went over the stone. Reached back; threw back the curls off his face, kissed him, pulled his little chin back. Raised up, and the tears running down his face like that. Knowing, and he staggered not at the promise of God! Raised his hand to plunge the knife into his own son's throat. **He started to take his life, in obedience of love to God.**

And when he did, the voice of God called out, and caught his hand, said, "Abraham! Abraham, stay your hand! Wait a minute, Abraham, wait a minute. I know you believe Me. I know now that you love Me." What was He doing? Giving a

testimony to the Seed of Abraham, after him. "Stay your hand, don't harm this child! I know that you love Me."

And about that time, Abraham heard something behind him. And he looked, and there was a ram (that's a male sheep) caught by his horns in the weeds and bushes. And Abraham went and got the ram and killed it, instead of his son.

Where did that ram come from? He's a hundred miles from civilization. Why, the wild beasts would have killed it if he would have been back there. Sure, it's a domestic animal. Where did it come from? And, besides, it's way up on top of the mountain, where there's no grass nor water. Where did it come from? It wasn't a vision; it bled. A vision don't bleed. Hallelujah! Jehovah-Jireh had provided Himself a sacrifice!

When God is took at His Word, He is able to provide whatever He has need of. God, Jehovah-Jireh, still is Jehovah-Jireh tonight! He has a Sacrifice already provided. He has a Church provided. He has a Messenger provided, the Holy Spirit. He's here now, Jehovah-Jireh!

How are you going to come out of that chair? How's that spastic child going to get well, or you from that chair? You from there--you with the heart trouble?

Whatever's the matter, God is able to provide for Himself. Abraham believed it. The patriarch stayed true to the promise. And He give the promise that, "Your seed... Because you've believed my word, and regardless of what the circumstance, your seed shall possess the gate of its enemy." Why? Every enemy that come up as a figure against Abraham--the enemy of "She's too old, I'm too old", or all this... and everything else. He still stayed right true to that promise.

Now, a man that possesses that faith still will take God's word, regardless of circumstances. Now, **if you can't do that, then you're not Abraham's seed. That's the faith that Abraham had.**

There was Moses, Abraham's seed, and, when he did, he came to the gate, in a line of duty. He came to the gate of the Red Sea, after teaching the children of Israel of the promised land that God has promised. He was God's prophet. He had been manifested before the people, as God's prophet. God created, by him. God did all kinds of signs and wonders, by him. And he stayed just exactly with God's Word, because he sought God, first. And he knew his position. He knowed he was born for that age, to manifest the Word of God at that time. And then, right in the line of duty, he come up against something that he knowed not what to do, that was the Red Sea. Well, what happened? The seed of Abraham was promised to possess the enemies' gates. So when the Red Sea become a gate that he couldn't come through, God moved upon the scene and took the gate and went away with it, and Moses walked across the sea on dry land. His seed possessed the gate.

The Hebrew children possessed the gates at the fiery furnace that could not even burn them.

Daniel possessed the enemies' gates at the lions' mouths that could not be opened to eat him.

Samson, one time caught in the... A bunch of people had fenced him in the city. And, when he did, he pulled those great big gates out of the rocks, put them upon his shoulders and walked up the top of the hill. Why was he? He was still in the

covenant, his locks was still hanging on him. The promise was still there, "And he will possess the gates of his enemy." Amen. Sure, certainly.

All these died, fine warriors of the faith. They all died.

Then come on the scene the super Seed of Abraham, the royal Seed, the super, royal Seed, Jesus Christ, which was Abraham's faith Son; that he saw by faith, through a promise of God, that he would bless all, be the father of many nations. His super Seed come on the scene.

What did these others do? They possessed the gates of lions, the gates of fire, the gates of the sea, the gates of the city. And everywhere they come, they was able to possess the gates because they were promised it. But, when it come to death, they all had to die.

Now here comes the royal Seed on. Not only did He possess the gates of the enemy, but He possessed the gates of death, hell, and the grave, rose up on the third day and opened up the way; rent the veil from top to bottom, and made a way for every man and woman who desire to come to Him, could come. He possessed the gates. Not only did He that; but those who had died, in faith, He led captivity captive (saints in the Old Testament), ascended on High, and give gifts unto man (Eph. 4:8-10). That's Abraham's super Seed. That's the royal Seed, Jesus Christ, the super sign. Remember, it was an everlasting sign, a supernatural everlasting sign, Jesus was. He arose from the dead, they could not hold Him. Death, hell, nor the grave, could not hold Him.

Hebrews 13:8, as I said, "He's the same yesterday, today, and ever," to show, to show this super sign in this age.

Notice: Mary, the virgin's faith, produced the true, spiritual Seed Word made flesh. The three women Hagar, Sarah and Mary, three women that this Seed was carried through (Luther - Wesley - Pentecost). Both Sarah and Hagar brought the child forth through sex, but Mary was virgin, and by the power of the promised Word of God came forth the promised seed of Abraham. She by faith believed the Word of God (Luke 1:30-38; Luke 2:19).

Mary, a spiritual royal predestinated Seed of God, an expressed attribute of God, germ/gene of God, was saying in the heart of her soul through predestination: "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy Word." She believed God, and never questioned it. Here she was asked to believe. That was a contribution to the faith that was in Abraham who believed the impossible. As long as God said it was so, that makes it right.

There came forth the genuine Seed of Abraham: Christ. **This seed shall bruise the head of Satan** (Gen. 3:15), and He did it at Calvary. Mary brought forth the Word, God Himself in the flesh, **the true Seed of God**, that manifested every promise that God made in the Bible.

And we are the children of promise - not after the flesh like the elected ones out of the Jews, but we belong to the royal, spiritual, predestinated Seed of Abraham out of the nations (Acts 15:14), for as many as were ordained to eternal life believed (Acts 13:48).

Galatians 3:6-9, 13-16, 18, 22, 26-28

Romans 4:13-17

In summary:

"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham" (Galatians 3:7).

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, and that we might receive the promise of the Spirit of faith.

Once more: Who was the promised seed according to Genesis 22:18, *"And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice" ?*

Christ was the predestinated, royal, spiritual, promised Seed of Abraham!

And how glorious: To Abraham and his seed were the promises made. Which promises?

1. **Thy seed** shall possess the gates of his enemies (Genesis 22:17); the same seed means, the same quality, the same seed of faith, not another seed, but the same seed - **Christ in you** - the same life, eternal life, the same power, love, patience, all the same, Hallelujah!
2. And in thy seed, Christ in us, shall all the nations of the earth be blessed (Genesis 22:18),
3. He and his seed should be the heir of the world (Romans 4:13-16),
4. To him and his seed will belong the promised land Palestine - Canaan - Israel for ever, spiritually and naturally (Genesis 13:15).

"He saith not, 'And to seeds', as of many; but as of one, 'And to thy seed', which is Christ" (Galatians 3:16) - Christ in us, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

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