

THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM

Gal 3:13-14

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14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Gal 3:29

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

Ex 3:19-22

19 But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand.

20 So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed.

22 But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

I. Gal 3: 13 teaches us that Jesus Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law

A. What amazes me is that the "**curse of the law**" are curses that come upon the lives of the **disobedient in this life....**here on earth.....now

1. these curses have nothing to do with eternity, heaven or hell
 - a. **these curses deal with our life here on earth**

2. Jesus Redeeming us from the Curse of the Law reveals to us
 - a. that when Jesus shed His Precious Blood on Calvary's cross
He not only provided forgiveness of our sins and eternal life
 - b. But also to break the Curse of The law off of our life
 - c. And to release the Blessings of Abraham upon every Gentile
who calls upon the Name of The Lord

B. Do you know what the curses are that Jesus has redeemed us from? That effect the life we live on this earth....

1. The **Curse of the Law** that we have been redeemed from is
Found in **Deut 28:15-57**
 - a. vs 15 – 20 fifteen curses upon children and material property
 - b. vs 12 – 29 six curses of sickness and poverty
 - c. vs 30 – 44 twenty six new and old curses of defeat, captivity,
sickness, persecution, and insanity
 - d. vs 45 – 47 eight reasons why curses are restored / released
 - e. vs 48 – 57 twenty one curses of slavery, death, cannibalism,
and extreme poverty

C. Thru the Blood Jesus Christ shed on Calvary's cross....everyone who repents and becomes Born Again

1. Gal 3:13 has been "**redeemed** from the curse of the law"
2. Gal 3:14 "**Blessings of Abraham** might come upon the
Gentiles"
 - a. Everyone say: **BLESSING**
 - c. Jesus redeemed us from Curses to Blessings
3. Gal 3:29 "If you are Christ's (Born Again)".....you are then a
"**HEIR** according to the **promise**"
 - a. The Blessing God spoke over Abraham's life has been passed
on to the Gentiles through: faith
 - b. **Being an Heir is two fold / the Promise is also two fold:**
 - #1 **The Spirit realm**: "The **Promise of the Spirit** / Holy
Spirit"
 - a. the new birth / born again... this is when we receive
eternal life & become a child of God

(2) John 17:3 And this is **eternal life**, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

b. the **baptism** of in The Holy Ghost

(2) this is when we receive **the power of God** into our lives

(a) Acts 1:8 But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

#2 **The Natural realm**: “The **Blessings of Abraham**”

(a) Most do well with believing and receiving the Blessing in Regards to the Promise for spiritual things

(b) But many Born Again Believers / Abraham’s seed by faith / heirs / struggle with receiving the Blessings of Abraham upon their life in the natural realm / life in this World

© that would initiate **breaking curses of the devil**

And **generational curses** off the lives of God’s people

(d) which was brought into fulfillment thru the death, burial, & resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

(1)empowering us tolive a **blessed life upon the earth**

(2) thru the **exercising of Spiritual Authority** given to us by Jesus Christ

(3) and enabling us to expand the Kingdom of God in this present world thru the **spreading of the Gospel**

(a) **if we are not blessed**.....we are not able to expand the kingdom of God & be limited in the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ upon the earth

(b) God told Abraham: Gen 12:2 “I will bless you AndAnd **you shall be a blessing**.

(1) we cannot be a blessing to others, if we are not walking in the manifestation of God’s Blessing upon our life!!!

II. 'If you are Christ's'

A. if you have been Born Again

1. "then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise"
 - a. Do you know what the PROMISE is that you have inherited?

B. Rom 4:13 For the promise that he would be the HEIR OF THE WORLD was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

1. "For the PROMISE that he (Abraham) would be HEIR OF The WORLD"

- a. What was the Promise: to Abraham and to his seed (that's you and I) would be heirs of the world
2. Let me show you just one **example** of how the devil has blinded our minds to the reality of the promise of being an heir of the world:
 - a. Matt 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

 - (1) most of us read this scripture and mistakenly think it says:
 - (a) to go and make some disciples in the nations
 - (b) That is not what Jesus said: What The Lord actually said is
 - (1) "make disciples of all nations"
 - (a) The Lord has not called us to win a few souls in various Countries
 - (b) Jesus said win the nation / Teach the word of God to the entire nation
 - (1) The reason this is possible is because:
 - (a) Jesus has redeemed us from the curse of the law
 - (b) the Blessing of Abraham resting upon our life

© and according to The Promise we are heirs of this
World

3. This Blessing & Promise is not only true in the spirit realm of:
 - a. becoming Born Again / filled with the Holy Ghost / winning souls
 - b. But also applies to every arena life:
 - (1) from finances to health
 - (2) family to career

- C. To much of the church is letting the run rampant in the world
 1. from society to the political realm.....to the business world
 2. We are to be the **Light of the World**
 - a. we are to be the **salt of the world**
 - b. 1 Cor 10:26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.
 - c. 1 Cor 10:28 the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof:
 - d. We are God's ambassador's who have been redeemed and blessed, and made heir of this world
 - (1) so we may fulfill **the purpose of God** upon the earth

- III. When God creates a people or a person: He does so with **PURPOSE** resting upon their lives: Example....
 - Gen 10:1** Now these are the generations of the **sons of Noah**, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after The flood.
 - Gen 10:20** These are the **sons of Ham**, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.
- A. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, Japheth
 1. example of purpose for a people & a person is revealed in Vs 20 for the sons of Ham
 - a. note the wording: “in their **countries** and in their **nations**”
 2. This word for “**nations**” deals with a geographic location
 - a. But the word countries is describing more than just a geographic location
 - b. **COUNTRIES**: is actually describing a **WEALTH ZONE**

- (1) The sons of Ham were given a distinct anointing to manage
A wealth zone
- (2) It is actually describing a **Distinct Redemptive Prophetic Anointing**
- (3) It is actually describing a **Destiny** in their life that they
Were to manage upon the earth for the glory of God

B. Give you an **example** of a wealth zone to be managed by a
People for the glory of God:

- 1. Nigeria West Africa: Oil
- 2. Ghana / Gold Coast: Gold
- 3. Sierra Leone: Diamonds
 - a. These people are to manage these wealth zones for the
glory of God.....instead they let the devil rule thru
 - (a) civil war, corruption, greed
 - (b) causing the people to live in poverty instead of blessings

C. **Every People Group / Every Person** upon the earth is given a
Wealth zone to manage for the glory of God

- 1. That wealth zone includes:
 - a. a nation, state, city
 - b. from your home, to your business, career, your finances
 - c. from your family to your ministry
 - (a) will you let the devil have his way
 - (b) or will we walk in the Blessing of Abraham and manage
our wealth zone
- © from the treasury of a nation to your pay check
- (1) **SAY: I AM MANAGING A WEALTH ZONE**

- D. If Ham's sons were given a distinct anointing to manage a Wealth zone; same is true for Terah & his sons:
 Gen 11:27 This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.
1. We will save Abram / Abraham for last:
 2. **Nahor**: perverted his wealth zone:
 - a. a prophetic manifestation rested upon Nahor but he used his anointing to develop idols, & is said to be the founder of false religions, became a channel for witchcraft to manifest upon the earth
 3. Haran: known as a builder of cities.....in fact the city God called Abraham out of was came after this man who built it; Haran..... But is also became a city of idols

IV. Lets look at **Abraham's wealth zone**:

- A. Gen 13:1 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South.
 2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.
1. Abraham's wealth zone was: **livestock, silver & gold**
 - a. If we are Christ's.....if we are Abraham's seed, we are heirs
 - (1) what rested upon Abraham's life.....is to rest on our life
 - (2) Gal 3:14 "that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus,"
- B. God has not called anyone.....especially His redeemed children to live in and manage:
1. poverty, debt, oppression,& defeat
 - a. which causes God's people to live a life of sorrow
 2. Prov 10:22 The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.
 - a. When the Blessing of God is a distinct Spirit that is to come upon our life, it elevates us, it lifts us up above the curses of the law because:
 - (1) Gal 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law,

having become a curse for us (for it is written,
"Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),
14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon
the Gentiles in Christ Jesus,

V. In Genesis chapter 14 we see Lot and Abraham separate and go their separate ways:

A. Soon Lot gets into trouble and is taken captive by a king, and the news reaches Abraham, so Abraham assembles his men to rescue Lot

1. Gen 14:14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

2. My focus is not on the battle that Abraham fought and won

a. Rather: I want you to see **how blessed Abraham was:**

3. Abraham armed 318 men for battle

a. that also meant the majority of these men most likely has a wife.....and at least a couple of children

b. That means that Abraham was responsible for providing for and feeding over one thousand livesthat is a lot of food.....and clothing

(1) But God Blessed Abraham

C. Another example of Abraham being blessed:

1. Abraham sends his servant to find a wife for Isaac, listen to the testimony this servant gives in regards to Abraham:

a. Gen 24:34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.

35 **The Lord has blessed my master greatly,** and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.

(1) Abraham had no lack / blessings were manifesting

(2) "that the Blessing of Abraham might come upon the gentiles"

D. THIS BLESSING OF ABRAHAM IS TRANSFERRABLE

1. Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.
 - 6 But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.
 - a. Abraham gave gifts to his sons of the concubines
 - b. and **“gave all”**gave an inheritance to Isaac
2. Gen 26:12 Then **Isaac sowed** in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the **Lord blessed him**.
 - 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;
 - 14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.
 - a. Isaac sowed and reaped a one hundred fold return.....
 - b. **“AND THE LORD BLESSED HIM”**
 - “ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;**
 - (1) Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
 - (2) If thru a **lesser covenant** / Old Testament.....God could bless a man and pass on that blessing thru the generations
 - (3) How much more thru a **Better Covenant** / the Blood of Jesus Christ which redeemed us from the curse of the law can:
 - (a) Gal 3:14 Blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus,

E. The Blessing of Abraham is transferable from one generation to the next:

Gen 28:1 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him:"You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3 "**May God Almighty bless you**, And make you fruitful and multiply you, That you may be an assembly of peoples;
4 **And give you the blessing of Abraham**, To you and your descendants with you, That you may inherit the land In which you are a stranger, Which God gave to Abraham."

1. **Jacob....The THIRD GENERATION**

a. His father Isaac calls him and "**BLESSED HIM**"

b. Note the Blessing Isaac spoke over Jacob's life:

(1) vs 3 "May **God Almighty Bless you**, and make your Fruitful and multiply.."

(2) vs 4 "And **GIVE YOU THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM**"

2. If that powerful blessing can be spoken over the lives of Abraham's sons.....thru a lesser covenant

a. How much more shall those who have been redeemed from the curse of the law.....thru the shed Blood of Jesus Christ experience:

(1) **THE PROMISE**

(2) **THE BLESSING OF THE ABRAHAM COMING UPON THE BORN AGAIN GENTILES**

(a) Blessed so we do not have to stand in the welfare line

(b) Blessed so we do not have to go thru life naked

© Blessed so we do not have to live in famine

(1) **even in the midst of a recession**

(2) this biblical truth works in every nation

(3) this truth principle works in every circumstance

F. Gen 29:1 **Jacob** went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East.

2 And he looked, and saw a well in the field; and behold, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. A large stone was on the well's mouth.

1. We find Jacob going on a journey:

a. This is a picture of many of us:

(1) who have not yet surrendered to the will of God

- (2) and are still struggling with areas of life & our walk with God as Jacob did.....resulting in us going on a long journey
- 2. Jacob comes to a well & resulting in his journey going on for Over twenty years
 - a. He marries the wrong woman
 - b. then serves Laban another seven years for the true love of his life
 - c. in that 20 years, Laban changed his wages ten times
 - (1) Jacob was working hard for his money
 - (2) Jacob was giving it all he had.....but no progress
- 3. Then in the twenty first year something happens:
 - a. Gen 30:43 Thus the man (Jacob) **became exceedingly prosperous**, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.
 - (1) The Blessing of Abraham that was spoken over his life In Gen 28:3-4.....**Broke thru** in his circumstances.....
 - (a) All Jacob had before was sorrow.....no matter how hard He worked:
 - (b) But: Prov 10:22 The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.
 - (1) Jacob had to go on a journey through life
 - (2) God had to break him of the spirit of manipulation and A few other things
 - (3) and in the midst of the dealings of God in his life..... The Blessing of Abraham began to manifest in his life

G. Important principle and promise we must gain understanding of

- 1. We see a wealth transfer in:
 - Gen 31:1 Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "**Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this wealth.**"
 - a. we find that Laban's wealth was being **transferred** to Jacob and it was obviously seen by everyone

2. The Bible prophecies of the coming of **another wealth transfer**:

- a. Prov 13:22 and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.
 - (1) Many Christians think this verse is speaking of a wealth transfer that will enable believers to consume this blessings upon their lusts: expensive houses, cars, etc.....
 - (2) nothing can be further than the truth!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - (3) The purpose of the wealth transfer into our lives.....is based upon the same purpose of the wealth transfer in Jacob's life
 - (1) and that is: **TO FULFILL THE PRUPOSE OF GOD UPON THE EARTH**
 - (2) To be a vessel to unfold the plan & will of God upon the earth

VI. This is seen in Jacob's life.....years later Jacob had returned homeIn Gen 42: 1-3 Jacob sends his sons to Egypt to buy food because of the famine in the land
Gen 42:1 When Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?"
2 And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, **that we may live and not die.**"
3. So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt.

- A. Jacob had the means to **preserve the Blood line of the Messiah** due to The Blessing of Abraham upon his life and the Wealth transfer he experienced with Laban
 - 1. Jacob had the means to buy food for:
 - a. his eleven sons and their families
 - b. all of their servants
 - c. all of their cattle & flocks

- B. Remember **Joseph** / Jacob's lost sons is now the second in command in Egypt
1. Not just because he interpreted a dream:
 - a. But because The Blessing of Abraham rested upon his life
 2. Word come to Joseph of a group of brothers who have come to buy food
 - a. Joseph immediately recognized not only his brothers in the natural realm / but also recognized **the anointing** of the **Blessing of Abraham** that rested upon their lives.....enabling them to purchase such a mass quantity of food & supplies
 - b. but Joseph keeps his identity hidden from his brothers
- C. To make a long story short.....time goes by and the food Jacob purchased from Egypt gets low: Gen 43:1-2
1. Listen to the prosperity in the life of Joseph
 - a. **Prosperity which had a divine purpose**.....preserve the people of God & blood line of the messiah:
 - b. Gen 43:12 Take **double money** in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight.
 - (1) Jacob was blessed.....sent double money.....he had the Means to do what was needed
 - (a) he did not struggle with the house paymentfood....etc
 - (b) like many Christians who are of the Seed of Abraham
- D. On this return trip Joseph reveals himself, and Jacob moves everyone to Egypt
1. At this point Joseph had understanding of:
 - a. The Preparation he went through in life
 - b. and the Divine Purpose of his prosperity:
 - (1) **The Preparation:** Gen 50:20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good,..."

- (2) The Purpose of Prosperity: vs 20 “ in order to bring it about as it is this day, **to save many people alive.**
 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; **I will provide for you and your little ones.**" And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.
2. Times goes on and listen to how the Blessing of Abraham manifested in the lives of the descendant of Abraham while in Egypt:
- a. Ex 1:7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.
- (1) if we will stay in the will of God.....no matter where we go in life: The Blessings of Abraham can manifest in all places, nations and circumstances

VII. In the midst of living in Egypt, we see the blessings of Abraham manifesting in the Israelites:

- A. Ex 1:6 And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.
 7 But the children of Israel were **fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty**; and the land was filled with them.
1. The Israelites came into Egypt with cattle, silver & gold because of the wealth zone & Blessing of Abraham resting upon their life
- a. For many years the Israelites were not slaves in Egypt
- B. But then some **problems began to arise:**
 Ex 1:8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.
 9 And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we;
 10 come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land."

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

1. A new **Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph**
 - a. **Pharaoh** is a type of the devil & powers of darkness
 - b. **Egypt** is a type of the world / & the spirit of the world
2. This new Pharaoh begins to **deal shrewdly with Israel:**
 - a. so he comes up with a plan to **rob Israel** of their silver & gold / **rob them of the Blessing of Abraham**
3. History teaches us that this new Pharaoh set up a banking system that the Israelites had to use in order to purchase any kind of goods
 - a. so he could get the wealth of the Children of Israel & profit from it himself
4. Pharaoh set up a new currency just for the Israelites in the form of wooden coins with an image of one of their idol god's called: **SCARABEETLE**
 - a. whenever Israel wanted to purchase something they had to take their silver & gold to the bank & exchange it for a scarabeetle
 - (1) because they could no longer purchase anything with: cattle, silver or gold.....only with the scarabeetle
5. After a period of time Pharaoh had all of Israel's cattle, silver, and gold
 - a. then when Israel went to purchase goods with their scarabeetle the banks declared that the wooden coins were worthless....**and Israel then became slaves**
6. The Pharaoh took the silver & gold of the Israelites ...his new slaves
 - a. and used the Israelites to build Pharaoh's supply / treasure cities.....with Israel's wealth (Ex 1:11)

- C. The devil has developed a new SCARABEETLE to enslave the children of God today
1. it is not a wooden coin
 - a. but it is a **plastic card.....credit card**
 2. and as we continually traded in our cash for credit and over extended ourselves
 - a. thus; robbing us of the Blessing of Abraham,
 - b. now we find ourselves in the same position as Israel:

SLAVES

(1) Prov 22:7 “**the borrower is servant to the lender.**”
- D. Four hundred years later, four hundred years of living with a **SLAVE MENTALITY:**
1. God speaks to Moses, and the first things God deals with Is the **THINKING** OF MOSES & ISRAEL /THEIR SLAVE MENTALITY:
 - a. When God spoke to Moses and Israel:
 - (1) He did not just reveal Himself as the God of mighty power
 - (2) He revealed Himself as the GOD WHO HAS COME TO **RESTORE** THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM as The Lord declares:
 - (a) Ex 3:6 He said,"I am the God of your father — **the God of Abraham,**
 2. Gal 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, Gal 3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus,
 - a. Jesus has come to bring restoration to our lives:
 - (1) Acts 3:21 whom heaven must (Jesus) receive until the times **Of restoration of all things,**
 - (a) Jesus has come to reveal the power of God and restore us from:
 - (1) sin, sickness, disease, defeat,
 - (2) as well as poverty / debt
 - (3) and the slave mentality that accompanies such things

3. **Does not matter what type of slavery** you may be trapped in:
 - a. God wants to visit your life and bring restoration to you
 - b. in just a moment in closing I am going to share with you some basic keys from Abraham's life that we each can apply to our life & situation & see God begin to move on our behalf.....releasing The Blessing of Abraham upon us

E. Let me show you a promise:

Ex 3:20-22

20 So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people **favor** in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go **empty-handed**.

22 But **every woman** shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. **So you shall plunder the Egyptians."**

1. As God stretches out His hand and manifests His power to bring deliverancenot just Israel....but your and I
 - a. vs 21 we will experience **FAVOR**
 - b. vs 22 we shall **plunder the Egyptians / world**
 - c. vs 22 Note a special **anointing resting upon women**:
 - (1) Ex 3:22 But **every woman** shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."
2. This wealth transfer resulted in the children of Israel being Blessed
 - a. but....that was not the only purpose for this blessing
 -the purpose of the blessing did not stop with meeting their needs:
 - b. But also, When it came time to build the House of God / The

Tabernacle of Moses.....**DEBT FREE**:

- (1) they did not have one bake sale
- (2) did not have to sale one chicken dinner / pepperoni role
- (3) The People of God were so blessed....they had the means to give....so much to the point that the bible says:
 - (a) Ex 36:5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make.
6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.
7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

III. Let me share with you some **spiritual keys** that caused a **Release of the blessings we see in the life of Abraham:**

A. **Abraham developed a close relationship with God:**

1. Isa 41:8 8 "But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of **Abraham My friend**.
2. James 2:23 "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was **called the friend of God**.

B. **Abraham obeyed the word of God and voice of God**

1. Gen 26:5 because Abraham **obeyed My voice** and kept My charge, My **commandments, My statutes, and My laws."**
2. Gen 22:17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.
18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have **obeyed My voice."**

3. Heb 11:8 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.
 - a. How is your obedience level to the Word & Voice of God

C. Abraham withheld nothing from God:

1. Gen 22:2 Then God said, "Take your son, **your only son**, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."
 - Gen 22:9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and **he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar**, upon the wood.
 - 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.
 - a. Abraham's son Isaac was the most precious thing in Abraham's life
 - b. yet he did not hold back one of the dearest things in his life from The Lord
 - c. Are you holding back an area of your heart from The Lord

D. Abraham was a worshipper and a man of prayer.....this is seen through him constantly building altars unto The Lord:

1. Gen 12:7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he **built an altar to the Lord**,
2. Gen 12:8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he 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.

3. Gen 13:18 Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and **built an altar** there to the Lord.

- a. How is your prayer life
- b. Are you a worshipper

E. Abraham was a sower:

- 1. Heb 7:2 to whom also **Abraham gave a tenth part of all**, First being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"
- 2. Heb 7:4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch **Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.**
 - a. Are You faithful in the giving of your tithes
 - b. Are you faithful in the giving of your offerings