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Abraham and God's Promises and Blessings.

The Blessings of Abraham.

- **Genesis 12: 1-3:** Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Following are the six blessings God gave to Abraham:

1. God would protect and lead Abraham by His Spirit to the Promised Land. Likewise, God keeps all those in Christ safe in His hand for salvation. (Gen. 12:1).
2. God would make Abraham a great nation (Gen. 12:2) All the redeemed in Christ are part of this great nation, which is the family of God. No one joins this great family; all must be born into it by receiving Jesus.
3. God would bless Abraham (Gen. 12:2), and by extension, all the faithful in Christ who belong to his family.
4. God would make Abrahams name great (Gen. 17:4-6), likewise, Jesus has signed the Book of Life for all who belong to Abrahams family with His own precious blood.
 - **Genesis 17:4-6:** "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.
5. God would make Abraham a blessing to all nations (Gen. 12:3), and by extension, all in Christ who shine their light share the message of salvation in our dark world are made a blessing to all people.
6. God would bless all who bless Abraham and his promised descendants (Gen. 12:3), who would be as numerous as the sand on the seashore. (Gen. 22:17).
 - **Genesis 22:17:** 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,

Summary: of God's five promises to Abraham.

1. All nations will be blessed in Abraham and his descendants.
2. Abraham and his descendants will possess the Promised Land for ever.
3. Abraham will be the father of an incalculable number of descendants.
4. Abraham will be the father of a singular descendant (the Lord Jesus Christ) who will conquer all enemies.
5. Abraham's name will be great.

Abraham manifested the following godly attitudes:

- Obedience, respect, love, and trust in God.

- Giving, and generosity.
- Faith and trust in God's word and His promise.

The land of Canaan promised to Abraham: is also known as, 'The Land of Milk and Honey,' it embraces, the region along the eastern Mediterranean shores, and today encompasses Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, Jordan, and the southern portions of Syria and Lebanon, and certain adjacent areas.

The focus in the following verse is the promised offspring who is Christ.

- **Galatians 3:16-19:** Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary.

Paul's Gospel proclaims: God's promise to Abraham embraces the following: The Lord Jesus Christ, the promised land, the promised Spirit, the promised Gospel of faith (i.e., the inheritance is received by faith not law). These promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to all the redeemed in Christ. (Gal. 3:16-19).

- Even though the law came 430 years later it does not make the covenant promise God made with Abraham void (i.e., he would have an incalculable number of descendants and inherit the Promised Land)
- The promised inheritance comes by faith, not the law, for if it comes by law, it no longer comes by God's promise. (Gal. 17:18).
- After God had given the promise to Abraham, the law was added, because of transgressions, but only until the promised offspring (Jesus) came.

The focus here is Abraham's offspring the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Galatians 3:24-29:** So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

The law came for two reasons:

1. As our guardian until Christ came.
2. To highlight our great need to be justified by faith.

Once Christ came, the Gospel of faith came. All who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, and those in Christ are no longer under the law, for in Christ all are sons of God, through faith, whether they are Jew or Greek, slave or free, male, or female, for we are all one in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are Abraham's offspring, and heirs of all God promised to Abraham, which includes, the Lord Jesus Christ, the promised land, the promised Spirit, and the promised Gospel of faith, for these are received by faith not law. (Gal. 3:24-29).