



## Genesis Chapter 12 Abrams Law

Today we will be embarking on another very important section of the book of Genesis. Most biblical scholars will separate chapters 1 through 11 concerning the creation from chapters 12 on because the message given in the rest of these chapters is somewhat different.

We'll see here in chapter 12, that a young man by the name of Abram will be introduced into the biblical narrative, and before we get started here I want us to understand that this young man's name is not Abraham. Even though he is one and the same, his name starts out as Abram, and we'll get into why his name was changed from Abram to Abraham as we walk through the book of Genesis, but for now it's important to know and to understand that in the beginning his name was simply Abram. As we move forward throughout our Father's Torah we'll see our Father in Heaven often times renaming his children with a better name, a new name if you will. And this is not uncommon in the way that our Father in Heaven works, so I don't want us to be surprised about how or why he does these things and we will discuss this more in detail as journey through our Father's Torah in the very near future.

The first thing that I would like to mention is the fact that Abraham is mentioned 74 times in the New Testament alone. Abraham is also venerated by all three monotheistic religions, and when I say monotheistic religions, I'm talking about religions that at least say that they believe in one God. Abraham is venerated in Judaism, in Christianity, and in Islam. All three of these monotheistic religions hold Abraham in very high regard. Abraham is called the "*The Father of the Faithful*" in Hebrews 11:8, and he is also called "*A Friend of God*" in James 2:23. And it's important for us to understand that every blessing that has been extended to both Jew and Gentile come through this fellow called "*Abraham*", and will come back to this after we read Genesis chapter 12 because this is tectonically important for every Jew and Gentile to know and to understand. But for now, I would like to turn to Genesis chapter 12 so that we can read through Genesis chapter 12 and see for ourselves where this uncircumcised Gentile by the name of Abram came from, and then we'll talk a little bit more about why this uncircumcised Gentile is so very important to each and every one of us today. Let's turn to Genesis chapter 12

*Gen 12:1 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.*

*Gen 12:2 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.*

*Gen 12:3 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."*

*Gen 12:4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.*

*Gen 12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,*

*Gen 12:6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.*

*Gen 12:7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.*

*Gen 12:8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.*

*Gen 12:9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.*

*Gen 12:10 Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.*

*Gen 12:11 When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance,*

*Gen 12:12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live.*

*Gen 12:13 Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake."*

*Gen 12:14 When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.*

*Gen 12:15 And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.*

*Gen 12:16 And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.*

*Gen 12:17 But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.*

*Gen 12:18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"*

*Gen 12:19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go."*

*Gen 12:20 And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.*

Chapter 12 is not a very long chapter, however there is much to understand about this fellow by the name of Abram that can be found within the pages of our New Testament. And so, before we move forward any farther here in chapter 12, I'd like us to turn to the New Testament so that we can see exactly why Abraham is so very important to today's modern-day Christian. Let's begin with reading Galatians chapter 3:1-15:

*Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ*

was publicly portrayed as crucified.

Gal 3:2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Gal 3:4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

Gal 3:5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—

Gal 3:6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

Gal 3:7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

Gal 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

Gal 3:9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Gal 3:10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

Gal 3:11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Gal 3:12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

Gal 3:14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Gal 3:15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

Okay now I want to stop right here before we go any further because Galatians chapter 3 versus one through 15 has been so twisted and so turned, and so taken out of context for so long by men and their theological understandings, and their so-called “early church fathers” and their brick-and-mortar institutions, and their denominational empires of dirt, that today’s modern-day Christian does not stand a chance of understanding what the apostle Paul was trying to tell the church here at Galatia. So, before we can concentrate on how many times “Abraham” is mentioned in this New Testament chapter of Galatians... we need to correctly interpret what we are reading here in the third chapter of Galatians concerning both Abraham and the law that Abraham consistently lived by... and the law that our Messiah said would indeed stand until heaven and earth passes away in Matthew 5:17-20. And of course, we know full well that heaven and earth does not pass away until clear at the back of the book in Revelation chapter 21. So, before we move forward here concerning what it was that Abraham brought to us through his obedience to the law of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, we must first understand how important God’s law is to today’s modern-day Christian who is blessed through the seed of Abraham who always lived in obedience of the law of God. And that may sound complicated at first, but bear with me because there’s no point in reading our Father’s Torah if we’re not going to completely understand how it ties in with what most people call “the New Testament”.

So, with that being said, I want us to understand the first part of Galatians chapter 3 versus one through 15, because once we understand it correctly, the rest of what we read in our Father's Torah concerning Abraham will become much easier to understand.

So, let's start with who Paul was talking to here at the church at Galatia. What we need to remember about the teachings of the apostle Paul, is that Paul was teaching and preaching to several different groups of people. Paul was preaching to the Jews who were scattered all throughout the area, and he was also preaching to the Gentiles who knew nothing about the law, but he was also speaking to people who were entrenched in things like Gnosticism and the worship of Angels, and astrology, and the philosophy and the teachings of Aristotle, and Plato, and Socrates. So, when Paul stepped up on the podium to speak, he was speaking to several different groups of people, and we must keep this in mind as we read the writings of the apostle Paul.

Something else very important that we need to understand is that the Pharisees, and many of the Jews who were steeped in the religion of Judaism, were trying to teach the new Gentiles that they could only be saved through the law. Today you and I know that we cannot be saved through the law of God. But because we love God, the Scripture clearly tells us that we will do the law of God because we love him. First John 5:3:

*1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.*

*1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

And so, the biblical definition of the love of God according to the Scripture, is that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome to us. We keep his commandments, and his laws, and his precepts, and his appointments, not to be saved... we keep them because we are saved, and because we do love him just like Abraham did. And if you will remember correctly when we were studying "Noah", we know that Noah was also said to be righteous in the eyes of God, because he kept the law of God. So, the idea that you cannot be found righteous in the eyes of God by keeping his law does not entirely hold water does it? It wasn't just because Noah ran around saying "I believe, I believe, I believe" that he was found righteous in the eyes of God. Even the demons believe, but this does not give them, or us a pre-destined pass into the Gates of our Father's coming kingdom simply because we profess with our mouth that we believe. I want us to be very clear about why God selected Abraham to be the father of all nations. Why does the Scripture tell us that Abraham was chosen by God to be the father of all nations? Genesis chapter 26 versus four and five:

*Gen 26:4 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,*

*Gen 26:5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."*

You see our Father in Heaven was not going to allow us to guess why he chose Abraham, and our Father in Heaven was not going to allow us to think that he chose Abraham just because he believed in God. What today's modern day denominational charters of men, and their so-called "*early church fathers*" fail to properly understand, is that if you truly do believe... if you truly do have faith in the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob... you will then know and understand the biblical definition of the love of God found in first John chapter 5 verse three.

Abraham was not chosen by God simply because he ran around saying "*I believe, I believe, I believe*". Abraham was chosen by God and I quote... "*Because Abraham obeyed his voice and kept his charge, his commandments, his statutes, and his laws*". So, as we read the third chapter of the book of Galatians and we hear the words of the apostle Paul, let us understand why it was that Abraham was chosen in the first place, because if we understand why Abraham was chosen in the first place, Paul's speech to the church at Galatia will be properly understood. If we do not understand why God chose Abraham to be the father of all nations... then the speech that Paul gave to the church at Galatia will not be able to be understood. Once again, my friends, we must read the book from the beginning to the end, and not from the middle to the end.

With this information under our belts we can now examine Galatians chapter 3 and Paul's speech about Abraham, and understand it properly. Let's turn back to Galatians chapter 3.

Now as we read down through Galatians chapter 3 and we hear Paul speaking about the law of God, we might be fooled into thinking that Paul was preaching against the law of God. But knowing what we already know about Abraham, and why he was chosen by God, we should be wise enough to know and understand that Paul was never preaching against the law of God. Paul was simply preaching against the law of God without faith. If you are trying to get through the Gates of heaven by keeping the law alone... without faith... then you are lost. Paul was never telling us anywhere in Galatians chapter 3 or anywhere else throughout any of his writings that we should not be keeping God's law. Paul is simply preaching and teaching his audience that the law by itself alone does not save them. If you do not have faith in the only begotten son of God, the law by itself will do you no good. Abraham knew that God's law was perfect, he knew that God's law was indeed God himself. The word of God is the law of God, and our Messiah was the word of God made flesh. John 1:14:

*Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

You can ask any Jew on the street of Israel today to read you the word of God, and he will automatically open his Torah and begin reading. You can also ask any Jew on the streets of Israel today to read you the law of God, and he will immediately open his Torah and again begin reading... Why?... Because the "*word of God*" and the "*law of God*" are synonymous and always have been. The original Hebrew understanding of both the word of God and the law of God are the same, there is no difference between them.

Notice the question that Paul asks in Galatians chapter 3 verse two:

*Gal 3:2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?*

Paul is asking the church at Galatia whether they received the Holy Spirit by their works, or by hearing the gospel message and having faith in the gospel message. As Christians, we should already know the answer to this question. We receive the Ruach Hackodesh through faith, and believing in our Messiah, not because of the works that we do. The good works that we do are a result of our faith in our Father in Heaven and his only begotten son. Let's jump down to Galatians chapter 3 verse five and six:

*Gal 3:5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—*

*Gal 3:6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?*

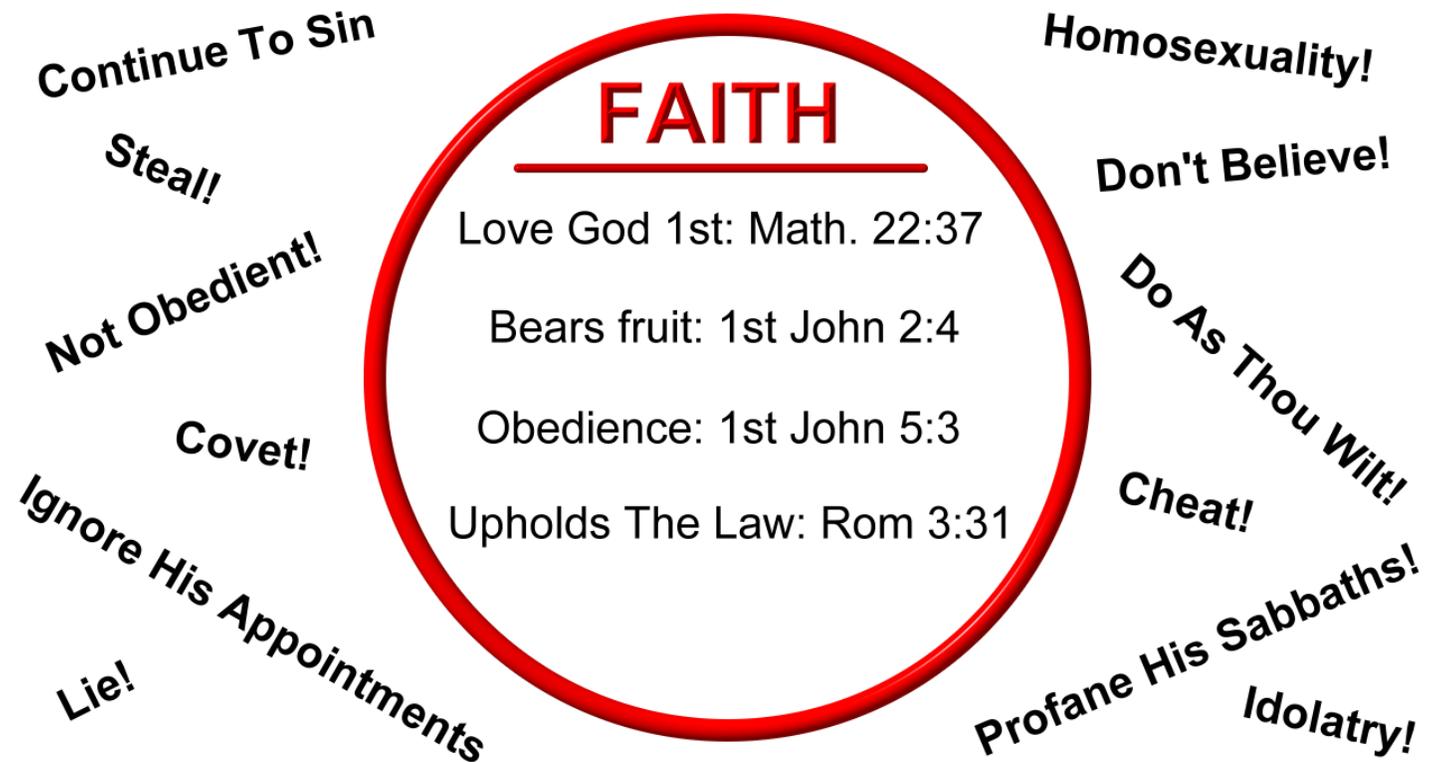
No one who reads this Scripture that has read what we've already read in Genesis 26 versus four and five would be led to wrongly think that Abraham was counted as righteous simply because he had faith and believed in God. We already know through the Scripture that Abraham was not counted as righteous just because he ran around saying "*I believe, I believe, I believe*". Abraham was counted as righteous in the eyes of God because just as God tells us in Genesis chapter's 26 verse five, Abraham obeyed his voice and kept his charge, his commandments, his statutes, and his laws. So, is Paul teaching anything wrong here? No!... Paul is simply trying to fix a problem that was occurring in the church because the Jews were trying to tell the new converts that they were saved by keeping the law. The new converts certainly were not saved by simply keeping the law. The new converts as well as the Jews (and the lost sheep of Israel) are saved by the grace of God through faith in his only begotten son... which in turn drives them to understand the biblical definition of the love of God found in first John 5:3... "*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not burdensome to us.*" So, there's nothing wrong with what Paul was saying here, but it could be misunderstood by those who refused to read the book from the beginning. To many would be professing Christians flat-out refuse to read the book from the beginning, and instead, are pre-programmed by their denominational empires of men to only read the back half of the book, because they wrongly teach them that the first half of the book has all been nailed to the cross... even though this theological understanding of men is not found anywhere in our God breathed Scripture. Let's turn back to Galatians chapter 3 verses eight and nine:

*Gal 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."*

*Gal 3:9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.*

Today's modern-day professing Christian will often times misunderstand these two versus

because they are ignorant of the biblical definition of the word “*faith*”. I would submit to you my friends that the words “*faith*” and “*love*” are synonymous. They mean the same thing. True “*faith*”, means that you know and understand that the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob is the creator of the heavens and the earth and all things in between. “*Faith*” in the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and the fact that he created each and every human being, and each and every beast of the field and bird of the air truly does mean that we love God because of everything that he has provided for us. Let’s take a look at this next diagram that clearly shows us what the definition of faith is, versus what the definition of faith is not.



πίστις

pistis

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From **G3982**; *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; **moral conviction** (of *religious truth*, or the **truthfulness of God** or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) **truth itself**: - **assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.**

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According to strong’s the word faith comes from the Greek word “pistis”, which means: “*persuasion, that is credence, moral conviction, truth, and the truthfulness of God.*” Faith

means that you have a reliance upon the Messiah for salvation. It means that you believe in his gospel message that he spoke with his own red-letter words, and that you understand that the gospel message of our Messiah is indeed truth, and assurance, and worth believing in. You cannot have faith in God and his only begotten son without understanding the love of God's and his only begotten son according to Scripture. True faith, is indeed the love of God. If you are continuing to sin, if you are still stealing, if you are not obedient to the commandments of God, if you are still coveting, and ignoring his appointments, if you are a liar, and involved in homosexuality, and if you believe in a "*do as thou wilt is the whole of the law*" type of lifestyle, and you are profaning his Sabbaths and his appointments, then you do not have faith according to the Scripture.

Faith is the love of God. Faith bears fruit through our good works, faith is obedience, and yes my friends faith is upholding the law of God. And I might also add that this is not according to me as a brother or a pastor... but this is according to Paul himself. Romans chapter 3 verse 31:

*Rom 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? **By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.***

You see according to the apostle Paul we do not overthrow the law by our faith. According to the apostle Paul we uphold the law. We establish the law. Why?... Because this again, is the biblical definition of the love of God that we find all throughout our Scripture. Paul asks that all-important question in Romans chapter 3 verse 31. "Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means says Paul, on the contrary says Paul, we uphold the law.

My point in all of this, is that we need to know and understand what Paul is saying about Abraham in the New Testament if we are ever going to truly understand the proper context and the proper message found within the gospel message that Paul and the apostles were given by our Messiah to teach and preach. Now having this information under our belts... let's turn back to Galatians chapter 3 verse 10:

*Gal 3:10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."*

Now once again my friends for those of us who do not go well armed with the knowledge of the proper context upon which Paul is speaking... we may be easily led to believe that what Paul was telling us here in Galatians chapter 3 verse 10, is that the law is a curse. But because we already know from Romans 3:31, that Paul himself believes in upholding the law... we should know that Paul cannot say that we uphold the law in one breath, and then turn right around here in the book of Galatians and tell us that the law is a curse. Something is wrong. Either Paul is speaking out of both sides of his mouth, and teaching two different gospel messages, or we're not understanding something properly. And I would submit to you my friends that Paul is not preaching two a different gospel messages. I would submit to you my friends that it is we that are not properly understanding what Paul is saying here in Galatians chapter 3 verse 10. We

should understand what he is saying, knowing what we already know from reading the beginning of the book, and from hearing what Paul just said in Romans chapter 3 verse 31, but just in case we are still confused... let's put the rest of the puzzle together.

Once again what Paul is saying here in Galatians chapter 3 verse 10 is that all who rely on the works of the law... without faith... are under a curse. He's telling the Pharisees and the Sadducees and the Jewish people who always believed that the law was what saved them... that the law by itself "*without faith*" cannot save them. You can't just keep the law thinking that you're going to earn your way through the Gates of heaven. That's not the way it works. You must first have faith, and the love of God in your heart before the law. Why?... Because if you do not have the love of God in your heart first.. and his Ruach Hackodesh dwelling within you, then you will never be able to keep the law properly. There will always be another God to entice you. There will always be men who will deceive you into thinking that there is another way, or a better way. If you do not love God and have true faith in him and his only begotten son, then you will indeed once again commit adultery just as the Israelites have been doing from the very beginning.

We must remember that the Israelites were continuously whoring against God with these other gods and these other idols and these other religious belief systems. Why? Because they did not have true faith and the love of God in their hearts. My friends if I marry a woman that I do not love, I will ultimately commit adultery. Think about it. Faith, hope, and the love... which is the greatest of these? It is "love". Because love is this spiritual glue that binds us together not only with our Father in Heaven and his only begotten son... but with each other as the body.

Paul wanted both Jew and Gentile to understand that you cannot put the horse before the cart. You cannot begin keeping the law without faith and the love of God in your heart, because without faith and the love of God in your heart, you will never be able to keep God's law. Because the love and true faith of God is not in you. This was the message that Paul was trying to teach and preach the church at Galatia. And what is "*the curse of the law*" according to Scripture? The curse of the law is "*death*" according to Scripture. This is the curse that Paul was speaking about that they would be under, if they kept on trying to keep the law without faith.

Faith, and the love of God is what moves the curse of the law out of the way for those of us who have faith and the love of God and his only begotten son in our hearts. What is the biblical definition of "*sin*" according to our God breathed Scripture?

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*1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

So, in other words, without the law... there is no sin, because according to the Scripture sin is the transgression of the law. What is the penalty for transgressing the law? Romans 6:23:

Rom 6:23 For **the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This my friends is “*the curse of the law*” that Paul was talking about that was moved out of our way because of our faith and the love of God that we have in our hearts. Hebrews 10:16-17:

Heb 10:16 “*This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,*”

Heb 10:17 **then** he adds, “*I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.*”

These very words believe it or not are being recited from the Old Testament. These very words are not exclusive to the New Testament only. If you are a new covenant Christian, then you must understand that you cannot be a new covenant Christian without the laws of God written on your heart and in your mind according to the Scripture. Jeremiah 31:33:

Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.** And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

You see the writings of the apostle Paul cannot be understood without reading the rest of the book. What we must understand is that Paul himself was raised up a Pharisee. The apostle Paul was known as a “Pharisee among Pharisees.” He knew the Torah better than anyone else of his time. And so, let us continue on with Galatians chapter 3 verse 13 and 14:

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from **the curse of the law** by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

Gal 3:14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Once again, my friends what is “*the curse of the law*” that Paul was talking about here in Galatians chapter 3 verse 13? The “*curse of the law*” is the penalty of the law, which was death if you transgressed the law without faith in the Messiah. Notice here my friends, that it does not say that “*Christ redeemed us from the law of God*”. It says very clearly and I quote... “*Christ redeemed us from the **curse** of the law*”. What most modern-day professing Christians do not understand is the very clear distinction between “*the law*” and “*the curse of the law*”. Paul understood it, the apostles understood it, Noah understood it, and yes my friends... Abraham understood it. And this is why God told Abraham that he would multiply his offspring as the stars of heaven, and would give to his offspring all these lands, and that in Abraham’s offspring all the nations of the earth would be blessed, because Abraham “*obeyed his voice, and kept his charge, his commandments, his statutes, and his laws*”... not just because Abraham was trying to earn his way into heaven, but because Abraham had faith in, and loved God, and this is what drove him to keep the law of God written in his heart and in his mind.

Now we get into something astonishing here concerning Abraham that we just read about in Genesis chapter 12. Let's read Galatians chapter 3 verse 16:

*Gal 3:16 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.*

Notice here in Galatians chapter 3 verse 16 that we are told that the promises that were made to Abraham and his offspring is exactly that. The promises that God made to Abraham, he also made to Abraham's offspring. Notice that it does not say offsprings with an "S" meaning many. The promises that were made to Abraham will come from only one of Abraham's offspring. And that single "offspring" is Yeshua, Hamashiach, Jesus the Messiah who is and was and always will be the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

This is the offspring that was prophesied to come clear back in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15:

*Gen 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between **your offspring** and **her offspring**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

How many modern-day professing would be Christians understand this do you suppose? How many modern-day professing would be Christians have ever truly taken the time to sit down and to study these things for themselves do you suppose? And worse yet... how many denominational empires of men are there that understand this?

Let's turn back to Galatians chapter 3 verse 17:

*Gal 3:17 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.*

What Paul is teaching the church at Galatia here, is that the written law of God given by Moses does not erase this prophecy found in Genesis chapter 3 about the offspring of the woman crushing the head of the offspring of the serpent. What Paul is saying is that this prophecy that was given to us clear back in the third chapter of Genesis has just now come to pass. The prophecy of our Messiah coming was given first in Genesis chapter 3. The written law of Moses inscribed on paper does not erase, or make void the prophecy of our Messiah. Notice what Paul says in the very next verse in Galatians chapter 3 verse 18:

*Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.*

In other words, our inheritance does not come by earning our way into heaven through keeping the law. Our inheritance comes through the promise that God gave Abraham and his offspring who is our Messiah. You see the Israelites were once again putting the horse before the cart. They were putting the law before the Messiah, who was himself the law, the word, made flesh.

The law of God was clearly given at creation. We know that according to the Scripture “sin” is the transgression of the law. Therefore, Adam and Eve could not have “sinned” in the garden if there was no law. You cannot transgress a law that does not exist, and we already know that the biblical definition of “sin” is the transgression of the law. We also know that Noah was well aware of the differences between clean and unclean animals. How would Noah know the difference between clean and unclean animals unless he was familiar with God’s law? We also see Cain and Abel sacrificing to God. How would they have known how to properly sacrifice to God without the law of God that has the instruction of sacrifice within it?

God gave Moses a written law to write down and to give to the Israelite people because they had forgotten his laws. The law that God had given human beings at the beginning of creation had been all but forgotten, and so because of sin, and the transgressions of men, God was forced to reintroduce his law to men because his laws were no longer written in the hearts and in the minds of men the way they should have been. They had mixed and mingled themselves with nonbelievers and with pagan Gentiles who did not know the law of God, and because they associated themselves with nonbelievers, they themselves kept tripping and stumbling over the laws of God that they had forgotten. So, God once again reestablished his law in written form through Moses so that man would not have an excuse to break his laws any longer. But this was simply a Band-Aid that God used. He gave Moses a written form of his law so that man would be able to see it and to understand, but a time would come in the future, that God would write those very same laws in the hearts and in the minds of his people. Let’s move on to Galatians chapter 3 verse 19:

*Gal 3:19 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.*

Of course, that intermediary was Moses back then. Our intermediary is now the man, Yeshua Hamashiach, Jesus our Messiah. First Timothy 2:5-6:

*1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

*1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

Let’s turn back to Galatians chapter 3 versus 23 through 26:

*Gal 3:23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.*

*Gal 3:24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.*

*Gal 3:25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,*

*Gal 3:26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.*

Once again, without reading the book from the beginning, and without understanding what Paul had already spoken concerning the law, there's no way that we were going to properly understand these verses. I would remind us again of what Paul said in Romans chapter 3 verse 31 when he asked that all-important question... "Do we then overthrow the law by this faith?" We already know that Paul clearly answers his own question three times within that single sentence. Paul says and I quote "by no means!", "On the contrary!", "We uphold the law." The written law of Moses bound us to the law of God because it was not written in our hearts and in our minds. Most of God's people were not keeping his law by faith, they were keeping it by works because they believed that all they had to do was to keep God's law and order to earn themselves a free ticket into his coming kingdom. I want us to also notice what Paul taught the church at Rome found in Romans chapter 9 verses 30 through 32:

*Rom 9:30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;*

*Rom 9:31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.*

*Rom 9:32 Why? **Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.** They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,*

Once again, my friends, if we read the whole book and not just half of it... if we read all of the Scriptures instead of cherry picking this one and that one to try to Band-Aid together a theology that fits our agenda, or our denominational understanding... we will finally be able to see clearly. But we cannot see clearly nor can we understand the writings of the apostle Paul or any of the other Scriptures for that matter... unless we read the whole book for ourselves, and not rely on some man that we hardly know just because he standing behind some pulpit. We must test the fruits of those who teach and preach. How will we know if their fruit is good or rotten if we do not know the Scriptures for ourselves? Moving back to Galatians chapter 3 versus 24 through 26:

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The written law of Moses was our guardian until our Messiah came and died on that cross for our sins. This act of love my friends is exactly what wrote the laws of God in our hearts and in our minds according to both Jeremiah 31:33 in the Old Testament... and in Hebrews chapter 10 verse 16 of the New Testament. Once our Messiah had done this, there is no way that a true born-again Christian could not have his commandments written in their hearts and on their minds after what he had just done for them.

And now we get down to the brass tacks of why Abraham who always lived in observance of

the law of God is so important to each and every modern-day Jew and Gentile alike. Galatians chapter 3 versus 27 through 29:

*Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

*Gal 3:28 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.*

*Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

You see my friends there is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for we are all one in the Messiah Yeshua Jesus. And if we are the Messiah's, then we are Abraham's offspring, and heirs according to the promise that God gave to Abraham. And this is why the Abraham that we read about in Genesis chapter 12 is so very profoundly important to each one of us today.

Understanding these things, we now have a firm foundation to move forward through our Father's Torah. Knowing and understanding these things, we will be able to unlock many doors and walk right through them on our way to enlightenment while journeying through our Father's Torah.

I know that it seemed like we were in the New Testament more than we were in the Old Testament during this particular study. But I would once again contend my friends, that there is no such thing as an Old Testament and a New Testament. The 66 books of the Bible are one book, one word, and one law, given by the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. This book we call the Bible has no business being divided into two parts. It is one testimony, it is one story, it is one unfolding plan that has been put forth from the beginning of creation by the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob for all his children to see laid out before them.

If you have any doubts in your heart or in your minds concerning who the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob is, or who his only begotten son is, or what his unfolding plan has been from the beginning of time... you need to pick up the best-selling book of all-time year after year and read it from the beginning, and you need to ask him and him alone for the discernment to understand what it is that you are reading.

Truth does not come from any pastor, priest, Bishop, and certainly not from any Pope. Truth comes through the Ruach Hackodesh of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son. If a man does not have this... then he is full of nothing more than wind. If a man does not have this... he is a barren tree that bears no fruit. He is a lighthouse without a light, and the ship without a rudder. Put not your faith in the wisdom of men who build their houses in the sand... but put your faith in the wisdom of God, who has taught us to build our houses on the rock who is his word made flesh, our Passover Lamb, and the first fruit of the new harvest.

Next week, on Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time we will journey into the second part of Genesis chapter 12 and on into the continuation of our understanding of who Abraham truly was and what he stood for, and why he was chosen by the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.