**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 13 August 2023**

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**Theme : GOD of Promise for ALL GENERATIONS.**

**1 Peter 2: 9 (Deuteronomy 7: 6)**

But you are a chosen GENERATION, a royal priesthood, a Holy Nation, HIS own special people, that you may proclaim the Praises of HIM Who called you out of darkness into HIS marvellous Light.

**GOD initiated and called and chose you and me – HE want a People of HIS Own,**

**called by HIS Name.**

**John 15: 16 (AMP)**

You have not chosen ME, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully PLANTED you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will REMAIN and be LASTING, so that whatever you ask of the FATHER in MY Name [as MY representative] HE may give to you.

**The only Fruit that remain and Last, able to endure to eternity, is the Fruit which grow**

**out of the Finished Work of the Cross of JESUS CHRIST.**

**John 12: 24 – 25 (MSG)**

Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over.

In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life.

But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you will have it forever, real and eternal.

**GOD is the GOD of the Living :**

**Matthew 22: 32**

I Am the GOD of Abraham, and the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob?

GOD is not the GOD of the dead, but of the LIVING.

**Even when they all died, their FAITH in GOD is Alive.**

**Exodus 3: 15 (Exodus 3: 6); (Mark 12: 26).**

Moreover GOD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel:

‘The LORD GOD of your fathers, the GOD of Abraham, the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My Name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’

**GOD has many Names and Titles in the Bible.**

**Each Name speaks of the distinct aspect of HIS Character.**

**One of the Names HE wants to be known, is the GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**

**GOD began HIS Redemptive Work for humanity, by calling and choosing Abraham,**

**the birth of the Promise of GOD through him, his seed.**

**Through Abraham and his seed brought in the work of Deliverance.**

**Through Abraham and Sarah, not Hagar, the Saviour came, Who is the Hope of Nations.**

**Redemption was accomplished by our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.**

**GOD’s Will, HIS Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven, began with Abraham, who believed and trust GOD’s Plan of Redemption.**

**Romans 4: 3 (AMP); (Galatians 3: 6)**

For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed in (trusted, relied on) GOD, and

it was credited to his account as righteousness (right living, right standing with GOD).

**Galatians 3: 7 (AMP)**

So understand that it is the people who live by faith [with confidence in the Power and

Goodness of GOD] who are [the true] sons of Abraham.

**Accomplished in CHRIST, and still continue until the Consummation of Redemption until HIS Return.**

**John 8: 56 (AMP)**

Your father Abraham [greatly] rejoiced to see My day (My incarnation), HE saw it and was delighted.

**All that we are learning is to show us what GOD is Doing.**

**We are to be Partakers in HIS Kingdom Purpose according to HIS WILL.**

**Galatians 3: 8**

And the Scripture, foreseeing that GOD would justify the Gentiles by FAITH, preached the Gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”

**The importance of Abraham and his seed in the Old Testament and New Testament.**

**Romans 4: 17 (MSG)**

We call Abraham “father” not because he got GOD’s attention by living like a saint, but because GOD made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn’t that what we’ve always read in Scripture, GOD saying to Abraham, “I set you up as father of many peoples”?

Abraham was first named “father” and then became a father because he dare to trust GOD to do what only GOD could do: Raise the dead to life, with a Word make something out of nothing.

**Romans 4: 18 (NLT)**

Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping – believing that he would become the father of many nations. For GOD had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!”

**Abraham’s Faith, Trust and Obedience toward GOD causes the Birth of a nation of people that did not exist before.**

**Reference Genesis 17: 4 – 7.**

**GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – Foundation of the nation of Israel.**

**Spiritually, foundation of ALL who believe – Spiritual descendants of Abraham.**

**Galatians 3: 29**

And if you are CHRIST’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the Promise.

**Hebrews 11: 12 (AMP)**

So, from one man, though he was [physically] as good as dead, were born as many descendants As the Stars of heaven in number, and innumerable as the sand on the seashore.

**Hebrews 11: 16 (AMP)**

But the Truth is that they were longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. For that reason GOD is not ashamed [of them or] to be called their GOD [even to be surnamed their GOD –

the *GOD of Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*]; for HE has prepared a city for them.

**GOD of Jacob : Jacob’s experience.**

**Isaac is not enough. From Isaac’s offspring, GOD chose Jacob.**

**Genesis 12: 3b**

In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

**As Abraham’s spiritual descendants, brought to faith through their SEED – the LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**We are called to follow in the footsteps of the faith of the father and mother of all who**

**truly believe and obeyed.**

**1 Corinthians 10: 11 (NIV)**

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us,

on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

**GOD started with Abraham and his seed and dealt with Abraham and his seed for the Purpose of showing us the necessary experiences that GOD’s people have to go through – the testing and dealing of our faith, soul and flesh life.**

**Jacob’s experience was full of trials, troubles and pains, in his old age :**

**Genesis 47: 9 (ERV)**

And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, the days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and

thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

**Genesis 31: 40 (NASB)**

By day the dry heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

**Jacob’s nature, his natural life – from his mother’s womb to Birth to the time he received his father’s blessing.**

**(Genesis 25 to Genesis 27) – supplanter, deceiver.**

* **Crafty, calculating, shrewd and clever – in his birth, his name given = supplanter.**

**Yet GOD chose Jacob to be HIS Vessel.**

**Romans 9: 13**

As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

**Malachi 1: 2b – 3**

Wasn’t Esau Jacobs Brother? Declares the LORD, “I loved Jacob, but Esau I hated…”

**Jacob received what Abraham and Isaac did not receive, in Bethel his first encounter.**

**Genesis 28: 15**

Behold, I Am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land;

for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.

**Reference Genesis 28: 20 – 22.**

**~ Jacob acknowledged GOD for his own physical needs, he cannot yet see GOD’s Plan.**

**~ His thoughts were very business-like, bargaining.**

**Genesis 28: 20 – 21**

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If GOD will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I am going, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my GOD.

**GOD knew Jacob and HE knew how to deal with him, GOD has all the time.**

**Jacob’s outstanding characteristics, his cleverness, craftiness – could deceive anyone.**

**He deceived his brother, father and uncle.**

**He was not like his father, a son.**

**He went to his uncle Laban, a man more crafty than him, went empty handed and**

**came back full.**

**Reference Romans 8: 14.**

**A crafty person filled with schemes and deceits, so clever, yet same time we see a person whom HOLY SPIRIT GOD is disciplining step by step.**

* **He held his brother’s heel, yet he ended as younger.**
* **He supplanted his brother with lentil soup for his birthright, ended up running away from**

**his father’s house, a wanderer.**

* **In Laban’s house, he worked 7 years for Rachel, but Laban gave him Leah...**
* **For 20 years, was the dealing of HOLY SPIRIT under Laban, his match.**
* **After Laban under the HOLY SPIRIT’s discipline – his cleverness was dealt with,**

**his nature did not change**

**Reference Genesis 32: 25 – face to face with the Angel of the LORD, crippled him –**

**from then he was crippled.**

**Before, he was Jacob. After, he became Israel = Let GOD prevail.**

* **Jacob deceived his father, then he was deceived by his sons.**

**Genesis 37: 28 – 35.**

* **Jacob shed many tears – Dinah defiled; death of Rachel…Joseph; his son Reuben slept with his concubine Bilhah.**
* **These are experiences that make Jacob > Israel, people of GOD – no more full of self, but humble and submit to the LORD with humility and to others in the Will of GOD.**

**Galatians 4: 19 (AMP)**

My little children, for whom I am again in [the pains of] labor until CHRIST is [completely and permanently] formed within you.

* **The Jacob that stood before Pharoah was completely a different man.**
* **He schemed before meeting his brother Esau, flattered him with gifts, kowtow,**

**sacrificed his own family that he love less.**

**Significance of Jacob blessing Pharaoh:**

**Genesis 47: 7b, 10**

And Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

**Without Isaac, the Promise would have died with Abraham without Jacob.**

**Isaac the Type of CHRIST – set the stage for the Birth of the Church, the Spiritual Body of CHRIST in the New Testament under the Leading and Working of the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**The world today – Lawless, confused, un-certain, dis-order.**

**But for us in CHRIST, HIS Body, Now is Time we Shine even Brighter, like the sons of Issachar, understanding of the Times and what GOD is doing. We are to be partakers of it.**

**Let us Build what JESUS is Building – Powerful Strong Church, where the gates of hades cannot prevail against it – People with Authority in CHRIST.**

**Matthew 16: 19 (AMP)**

I will give you the Keys (Authority) of the Kingdom of Heaven and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.