**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 20 August 2023**

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**Theme : GOD of Promise for ALL GENERATIONS (2).**

**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.

**GOD is the Initiator – HE is at Work till HIS WILL be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

**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.**

**Matthew 16: 24 (AMP)**

Then JESUS said to HIS disciples, “If anyone wishes to follow ME [as MY disciple], he must deny himself

[set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow ME [believing in ME, conforming to MY example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in ME].

**GOD of Abraham – Abraham’s Experiences with GOD – to be our Experience.**

**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**.

**GOD began with Abraham for HIS Redemptive Work for mankind.**

**~ Through Abraham, the Promise of GOD was established.**

**~ Through Abraham’s action of Faith, believe and Trust and obedience, set the Covenant of GOD with**

 **him in motion > from his seed > a new nation of people called Israel > Birth of the promised Messiah,**

 **the LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**GOD Called and Appeared to Abraham :**

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 **Reference Genesis 11: 31; Acts 7: 2 – 3.**

**~ HARAN**

 **Reference Genesis 12: 1 – 3.**

**~ CANAAN**

 **Reference Genesis 12: 7.**

**~ Lot separated from Abraham**

 **Reference Genesis 13: 14 – 18 > Peak Experience with GOD, HIS personal relationship, and**

 **HIS Promise.**

**~ Rescued Lot, met Melchizedek the King of Salem.**

 **Reference Genesis 14.**

**PROMISED SON and Testing of his Faith.**

**~ The Spirit >< Flesh.**

**Reference Genesis 15 – 21; Romans 4: 18 – 22; Galatians 4: 23 – 26, 28 – 31; Philippians 3: 3.**

**~ Abraham and his son – Casting out of Ishmael > the Spirit >< Flesh.**

**~ Abraham’s Test – Isaac as Sacrificial Lamb.**

**Reference Genesis 22.**

**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).

**Spiritual 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.

**In GOD’s Spiritual Kingdom and Economy, HIS Promises are very much Alive and Advancing.**

**Regardless of how long HE made HIS Promises, they remain Alive, and HE will Fulfill HIS Promises.**

**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 (and daughters) of Abraham.

**Miracle Healing of Lame man from birth at Solomon Colonnade.**

**Acts 3: 12 – 13**

So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this?

Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?

The GOD of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the GOD of our fathers, has glorified HIS servant JESUS, the One Whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release HIM.”

**We must first Believe GOD and HIS Word, then Experience HIS Glory and Hope.**

**John 11: 40**

JESUS said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the Glory of GOD?”

**GOD HIMSELF will Reveal to us – Supernatural Spiritual Kingdom of GOD’s Glory, which is**

**not of this world.**

**John 8: 56, 58 (AMP)**

Your father Abraham [greatly] rejoiced to see MY Day (MY Incarnation), He saw it and was delighted.

Truly truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born I Am.

**Genesis 22: 14**

And Abraham called the name of the place, The LORD WILL Provide;

as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

**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.”

**Abraham’s Spiritual Experience with the GOD Who called him – Faith, Trust and Obedience.**

**Christianity is not just a Religion, it is Spiritual Kingdom of GOD >< spiritual kingdom of darkness and world.**

**Isaiah 31: 3**

Now the Egyptians are men, and not GOD; and their horses are flesh, and not Spirit.

When the LORD stretches out HIS Hand, both he who helps will fall, and he who is helped will fall down,

they all will perish together.

**The Key Strength of a Nation lay in its Spiritual Belief in GOD Almighty, and in their Spiritual Experience with HIM in HIS Truth by Faith.**

**Isaiah 31: 1** **(NIV)**

“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the HOLY ONE of Israel, or seek help from the LORD.”

**Tendency of the Flesh to see and trust things the way the World presents it as Success.**

**John 4: 23 (AMP)**

But a Time is coming and is already here when the True Worshippers will worship the FATHER in Spirit

[from the heart, the inner self] and in Truth; for the FATHER seek such people to be HIS worshippers.

**Abraham’s Experience with GOD was so personal and intimate, that he is called the friend of GOD.**

**James 2: 23**

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed GOD, and it was accounted to him for Righteousness”. And he was called the Friend of GOD.

**Isaiah 41: 8**

But you Israel, are MY servant, Jacob whom I have Chosen, the descendants of Abraham **MY FRIEND.**

**GOD share HIS secret with HIS Friends.**

**Genesis 18: 17 (NIV), 19**

And the LORD said, shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?

For I have known him, in order that he may  command his children and his household after him that they may keep the Way of the LORD, to do Righteousness and Justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what

HE has Spoken to him.

**A good Father lay down the Requirements of GOD for his family, and teaches them to walk Faithfully and Obediently in the Ways of the LORD.**

**Reference Matthew 28: 19 – 20.**

**Matthew 28: 20a (NIV)**

Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you…

**Today, in a family, many leave the responsibility to the mother.**

**GOD wants Father, leader who knows how to Instruct his family to Walk in Obedience to GOD.**

**The Heroes of Faith in Hebrews 11 – Vision of Eternity, the Earth is just a passing experience with**

**GOD Guiding and Perfecting, and Providing for us.**

**They know GOD and have the Fear and Awe of GOD.**

**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 Isaac – Isaac’s experience is one that received his inheritance from his father.**

**We see GOD as Provider when Isaac was laid down on the altar and received back from the Altar.**

**We see CHRIST as only Begotten Son, laid down on the Altar and Resurrected back and Alive.**

**HE have nothing of HIS Own – All that HE had, HE received it from the FATHER.**

**John 5: 19**

Then JESUS answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what HE sees the FATHER do;  for whatever HE does, the Son also does in like manner.”

**John 12: 49**

For I have not spoken of Myself, but the FATHER Who sent Me, HE gave Me a Commandment,

what I should say and what I should speak.

**When it was time for Isaac to have a Wife – Genesis 24: 12 – 14.**

**The Church, the Bride of CHRIST Born out of the SPIRIT of GOD – Book of Acts.**

**Acts 1: 8**

But you will receive Power when the HOLY SPIRIT has come upon you;  and you shall be witnesses to ME

in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**Matthew 16: 18**

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this Rock I will build MY Church, and the gates of hell

shall not prevail against it.