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Abraham Who Received a Son When He was 100 Years Old

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Bible reading: Genesis 12:1-4 (KJV)

12 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Good morning everyone,

Today I want to speak to you about Abraham who received a son when he was one hundred years old. For a man to have a son when he was one hundred years old was something that must have been done by God's miracle, by his power because God was with him. God acknowledged him as the father of faith, and blessed him. Through his life everyone could recognize him as the father of faith and could bow to him for that reason.

He is not just the father of faith but also chosen by God to be the father of the people of Israel. Everywhere he went he testified to God as the God of his family and of Israel and he showed this both internally and externally. Everywhere he went he enjoyed testifying that God was at his right hand, and that God was with him always.

We read in Genesis 12, when God actually chooses Abram. His name is still Abram at this point. In verse 3, God gives him a tremendous blessing. It is so great that God announces that whoever blesses Abram God will bless, and whoever curses Abram, God will curse.

Because Abraham believed that God was with him, that God had chosen him, he had no fear no matter where he went. Abraham must have experienced that God was with him, in every aspect of his life, from the smallest things to the greatest things and that God was always with him, helping him, cooperating with him, and also intervening in his life on a daily basis.

Every place Abraham went to, he would gather stones together and build an altar for the Lord. He would pray that God would come to this altar, and that God might fulfill the dreams and aspirations of the people of Israel. This way Abraham established the conditions for him to be

the father of faith, and in many ways he demonstrated how God was living with him, was cooperating with him and was together with him in everything he did.

Abraham had the faith that God not only existed but that He was protecting him, his family and the coming nation of Israel. His faith was that God was not only protecting Israel but that He was with Israel. Abraham believed that God, as the God of Israel, was conducting his providence centering on this nation.

If we ourselves, live our lives with the confidence that God is not only with us but that He is on our side, that we are on God's side and that God is conducting his providence centering on us, it will give us tremendous confidence and comfort.

Abraham did not have a son but he received Isaac when he was one hundred years old. This son must have been very precious to him and he must have raised Isaac with great love and care. I don't know if God was testing Abraham, but the time came when God told Abraham to place Isaac on the altar and offer him as a burnt offering.

This was a son that he had finally received when he was one hundred years old, the most precious thing that we can imagine. Yet God made this demand on him. A normal person certainly would have fallen into disbelief, but Abraham realized that if God was making this demand, He must have a larger Will. So he decided to follow and obey Him.

Abraham climbed Mount Moriah together with Isaac, in order to make this offering. On the way up Isaac asked the question, "Father, right now, we are going up Mount Moriah to make this offering; we have the wood, we have everything else that we need, but we don't have the actual offering. Where is it?" Abraham did not answer, "Well I am to actually kill you and offer you!" He did not say that. He responded, "I am sure that God will provide an offering!"

We can perhaps try to imagine how Abraham must have felt as he uttered these words to his son. But even as he was going up the mountain in such situation, Abraham never had the slightest doubt in God's words. He was always willing to follow through in his obedience to God's word. He was confident there must be a great blessing coming as a result of this offering.

Think of it: if God were to come to you and tell you to offer something that was as precious to you as the son that you had received at the age of one hundred, would you be able to accept and obey? Would you be able to go over that with faith? That is what Abraham was able to do!

I hope that this morning we can have the faith that Abraham had, as he was able to go forward with this offering without even the slightest doubt, or the slightest disbelief in God. Because Abraham was able to do this, now many people in countries around the world look upon him as the father of faith. What a blessing this is! How grateful we are for this! His faith was not 50% or 90% but it was absolute. It was a 100%! And he was absolutely certain that a great blessing would come as a result of this obedience.

Please believe, this morning, that when you have that kind of absolute faith God will be with you; He will give great blessings to you and your descendants. I feel that Abraham was more than qualified to be called the father of faith. God is referred to as 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob', the God of these three generations. This was only possible because Abraham as the first generation had this kind of a strong faith.

Then Abraham laid his son on the altar and held up his knife preparing to kill him. At that moment he heard God speak to him," Abraham, Abraham, do not lay your hand on your son!" So although Abraham did not actually make the burnt offering of his son Isaac, God received his offering as if he had completed it.

This morning we need to learn from this story: if God tells us to do something that we feel is impossible, let's still go ahead and do it! Let's find the faith within ourselves, to rely on God, and to let God carry it out. We realize that if we are able to do that, God will bless us and our descendants will be able to stand in that position of faith.

Let's remember today that the God who was with Abraham is also with us, and that He will bless our faith and also our descendants. We need to have the conviction that God's Will shall be accomplished through Sanctuary Church, that God is with Sanctuary Church, and that God's flag of victory will be planted on this earth by Sanctuary Church. (*The 2nd King shouts, "Aboji!"*)

We are being persecuted, we are being cursed, and it appears that we are weak, but that is not the case, since God is with us. God's Will shall be accomplished through the Three Generation Kingships, especially through the 2nd King and Queen; God's will is being brought to pass on the earth today centering on this Sanctuary Church.

So let's go forward knowing that God's Will shall not be accomplished in the future but that it has already been accomplished. It is already a fact that it has been accomplished. Let's go forward with that assurance! Let's plant flags of victory around the world with the faith and the conviction that God's will have been done!

God is not just playing games. He gave his blessing because He knows that it can be fulfilled through the 2nd King and Queen, and through the 3 Generation Kingships. So let's pray fervently for our King and Queen! Let's have confidence that if all the Sanctuary people around the world become one, we can realize God's Will and we can bring about victory.

Let's pray with all of mind, all our heart and all our will for the King and Queen, so that the time it might take to accomplish God's will can be reduced as much as possible. We need to pray fervently so that the glory of this victory can be returned to God, to True Father, to Jesus. We also need to pray for the cooperation of all people in the spirit world.

Let's not think that God's Will shall be done but let's have the conviction that God's Will has already been accomplished! We need that kind of conviction in order to have such victory.

Let's have the faith that Abraham had! He did not hesitate to obey when God told him to offer the son that he had received when he was a hundred years old.

Let's have that kind of absolute faith in order to bring the victory to God and True Parents!

Thank you very much.

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