

God's Covenant with Abraham

Genesis 12:1 – 4, 15:1 – 21, 17:1 - 14

I. Introduction

Genesis 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.”

Genesis 6:5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

II. Covenant Relationship with God Involves Grace, Promises and Obligations

covenant – a solemn commitment guaranteeing promises or obligations undertaken by one or both covenanting parties

A. Genesis 12:1 – 4 - promises that shape the covenant

Psalm 67:1 – 2 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

B. Genesis 15:1 – 21 - covenant promises of descendants and land

C. Genesis 17:1 – 14 - covenant promises of relationship and blessing to the nations

Genesis 22:15 – 18 ¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 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, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Psalm 72:17 May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

III. Conclusion

Acts 3:25 – 26 “You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”