

The Royal Seed of Abraham Will Possess the Gates of the Enemy

“And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice” (Gen. 22:15-18).

What a promise, because of obedience! **Obedience is what God wants.** It was once said, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." **To obey the Lord is better than any sacrifice that you could do** (1 Sam. 15:22-23).

We're facing now a grand text, The Patriarch Abraham, which was called "**the father of the Faith**" (Rom. 4:13-18), because that God made him the promise to **inherit the earth**, and his Seed. And it's through Abraham **we, being dead in Christ, become Abraham's Seed** and are heirs with Him according to the promise (Gal. 3:29).

Now, Abraham was just an ordinary man, **wasn't something special.** God never called him, as far as we have any record, until he was seventy-five years old. God called a **complete separation**, to separate himself from the rest of the world, and from all of his people, and from all of his kindred. There was a special thing for him to do (Gen. 11:27-32, 12:1-3).

And when God expects you to do a **special thing**, He demands a complete separation **from any doubt. You've got to come to full obedience, to obey what He says.** God demands it. You can't do it no other way. And, now, He always sets an example, **and that was His example, of a complete separation from all of his family**, all of his kindreds, to walk a life separated to God.

Years passed, nothing happened, but still Abraham held on. He was not discouraged. *"He never staggered at the promises of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God"* (Rom. 4:19-21).

His Seed should think the same thing. Regardless of how unreal it seems, how unnatural it seems to the natural mind, yet **God cannot make a promise that He is not big enough to take care of.** We believe that same thing today. **Every true Seed of Abraham believes the same thing.** No matter what circumstances in, how much knowledge we've accumulated, how many things have happened, how foolish it is to the natural mind, it doesn't make a bit of difference. If God said so, that's it. And the Seed of Abraham is settled upon **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** That settles it.

We find out, at twenty-five years later, no children. And still God was faithful to keep His promise to Abraham, **for Abraham believed God.** The little boy came on the scene, little Isaac (Gen. 17:19).

Then after little Isaac had come on the scene, **then we find out that God gave him a double test.** After being now about a hundred and fifteen years old, or

twenty, Abraham was. He said, "I want you to take this, your only son, and take him up to the mountain that I will show you, and there offer him up, on this mountain, for a sacrifice." In other words, **destroy every evidence that he had that the promise would be fulfilled.** That's taking away all the natural things (*Gen. 22:1-18*).

And Abraham said, "I received him as one from the dead. And I'm fully persuaded that He is able to raise him up from the dead." (*Rom. 4:16-22*). And that's the way Abraham believed God.

Now, not only did He give this great promise, He give it to his Seed, also. And because Abraham was faithful, and kept the Word of God that God promised him, and knowed that God could raise up this child. And he spared not his own child; but was a type of God giving His Son, of course; as he packed the wood up the mountain; as Christ later packed His Own sacrifice block, up the hill, to where He was crucified.

We realize that in this, in doing this, **it pleased God so well to see that Abraham loved Him above everything on earth, even his only son.** He loved Him above what anybody could say, anybody could do, **he still loved God enough to believe His Word.**

All Abraham's Seed believes God like that. They are believing God. And we know that it pleased God so well that here is what He said, "**Thy Seed shall possess the gates of its enemy.**" (*Gen. 22:15-18*). Remember, that's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Abraham's Seed believes that. **If you are genuine Seed of Abraham, the faith that Abraham had in God, it's in you** (*Gal. 3:7*). And you believe, that what God has said, God keeps His promise.

And He said it, now remember, **He only made this promise to Abraham after He had given him a test. The Seed of Abraham must first be tested, to see if they really believe the Word.** Remember, the only way that he could keep the promise of God, because **he believed the promise of God, and was tested whether he believed It or not.**

We are brought to that test (*I Peter 4:12-14*). **The Seed of Abraham, today, is brought to that test. Will we take God's Word,** or we take what man said about It? Will we take what some organization has made up as a creed, and accept that, or do we take what God said? If God's Word is true, we believe God's Word, regardless of what anything else is. We let every man's word be a lie, **and God's be the Truth.** The true Seed of Abraham! **But before you can become that true Seed, you've got to go through the test, like Abraham did, himself.** He promised not only to Abraham, **but his Seed would possess the enemies' gates.** [1]

Abraham was an example to what we should be. **Now we, being dead in Christ, we are Abraham's Seed** (*Gal. 3:29*).

Now, there were two seeds of Abraham. One of them was natural seed (*Gen. 12:5-7; 13:14-18; 15:18-21*); **the other one was a spiritual Seed. One of them was natural, by his flesh; the other one was the Seed of his faith, the faith, that we also might be Abraham's Seed by the promised Word.**

And now after he had been tried for twenty-five long years, and, instead of growing weaker, **he grew stronger** (*Rom. 4:19-22*). See, if it didn't happen the first year, the next year it would be a greater miracle. [2]

Now remember, **there was a natural seed of Abraham and a supernatural Seed of Abraham. Now, the natural seed of Abraham, according to Genesis 22:16-17, He said, "Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemy", was Isaac. So through the seed of Isaac, we find out that they did possess the gates of their enemy.**

One time they had three of them down in Babylon in that great big city there, that was built super city. But they had a supernatural. And they threw them into a super fire hot seven times hotter than it ever was hot. And there was a supernatural sign of a supernatural God standing in the fire, supernaturally saving them. Amen. What did they do? **They possessed the gates of the furnace, their enemy (Daniel 3:8-27).**

There was another one down there named **Daniel: Abraham's seed.** What happened to it? **He stayed true to God. He knewed that he was the seed of Abraham.** He knewed he was doing right. They threw him into the lions' den. An animal is afraid of light, you know; so **a supernatural Light, a supernatural Angel came down by a man that believed in supernatural.** And supernaturally delivered him. And he possessed the gate of the lions' den (*Daniel 6:1-28*).

There was one named **Moses who believed in a supernatural God, had met Him and talked to Him in a supernatural way,** at a supernatural fire on a bush (*Exod. 3:1-22*). And he got a supernatural Message: a one man going down, **a one man invasion to take over Egypt, a supernatural Message.** But it was from the **supernatural God.**

So he went down there and done a supernatural thing. Because he brought supernatural signs upon a natural people. And they delivered Israel supernaturally. When anything natural got in its way of path... He come to the gate of the Red Sea; **but he believed in a supernatural God, and he kept moving towards the sea and the supernatural power of the supernatural God made a supernatural action and delivered him (Exod. 14).**

How? By a denomination? By a supernatural sign, **by a supernatural man, that had a supernatural ministry.** Remember, He doesn't change. Glory. If that happened in the **natural seed,** what about the **supernatural Seed?** Yes.

Many things, **if we had time to go into what He done in the natural seed, how they did that through Isaac's seed.** The Isaac being the seed (*Gen. 17:19-21; Gen. 18:10; Rom. 9:6-9*). Father Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, how that Elijah, many other great prophets, the great supernatural signs they done. But all those great heroes died. There's one thing that they had to do **was die, because they were the natural seed.**

Oh, bless God. **But one day, there come on the supernatural Seed, which was born by a supernatural birth, the same faith,** born not by the natural birth, but by the supernatural birth, **by the supernatural faith which Abraham had,** not according to the sexual desire of Abraham, and what God did to him that way, **but through a supernatural faith that he had.**

And faith is supernatural; it does supernatural things. [3]

God had been testing the patriarch **because He had given him a promise.** And when God makes a promise, **He wants to be sure that this person is worthy of the promise before He fulfills what He said or what He promises.** So Abraham had been promised that **through his seed the whole world would be**

blesed (*Gen. 12:3*), that he'd have a son, and this son, **out of him should come forth a Seed that would bless the whole earth** (*Rom. 4:13-21*). And Abraham, when the promise was given to him, was seventy-five years old, and Sarah, his wife, was sixty-five years old. But the Bible tells us that Abraham staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, **but was strong, giving praise to God. And God time after time tested him, but he'd come to that final test before the blessing was going to happen.**

And that's the way it is with all the Seed of Abraham. God gives us that final test just before He gives the promise (*Heb. 12:1-11*). **That final test to see how you'll react upon it...** And when He had given Abraham this test, He found Abraham just as true as he was when he started. What a blessing it would be this day if we who take His promise of healing would stand just as true as we did when we stood here and accepted it, no matter what the doctor said, stand just as true.

We are Abraham's seed, for we being dead in Christ, we take on Abraham's seed and are heir with him under the same sworn promise. We are Abraham's seed and are heirs of every promise that was given him. **But when the testings come, that's where we fail. But I don't believe that the true seed of Abraham will fail, they'll stand just as gallant and loyal as Abraham did.**

Now, we see that God cannot say anything or make any promise **unless He will fulfill it.** He has to do that in order to be God. [4]

Now, but remember, *"Thy seed shall possess the gates of his enemy."* **The seed shall possess.** Now, He's talking now of Abraham's seed. **And how do we become Abraham's seed? By being dead in Christ** (*Gal. 3:29*). We, when we're dead in Christ, we become Abraham's seed. See? **We're dead to the things of the world, and begin a new creature in Christ Jesus** (*II Cor. 5:17*). **Then the Holy Spirit that was in Christ is in us. And that makes us Abraham's seed, and gives us Abraham's faith** (*Gal. 3:7-9*).

I'm so glad that I have the opportunity, and can bring one of **the greatest treasures to the people** that there is in the world, to tell them **that we are heirs with Abraham of this promise** (*Gal. 3:13-14*). **We are Abraham's children.** How do we do it? By joining the church? No. **By being dead in Christ** (*II Tim. 2:11-13*), **receiving the Holy Spirit** (*Eph. 1:13-14*). **Then we are Abraham's seed, and are heirs with him according to the promise** (*Rom. 4:13-17*). Don't fail to get it, Christian friends. Stay with it. [5]

Now, we are supposed to be the royal Seed of Abraham, Isaac was the natural seed. **But the faith Seed, the faith in the promised Word, the promised Word** (don't miss It) **was that royal Seed; that was the Seed, Abraham's faith.** [6]

And we who are born of the Spirit of Christ (*I Peter 1:22-23*), **are Abraham's royal Seed.** Jesus promised that the royal Seed of Abraham would see the same sign that their father Abraham seen, **before the promised Son came.** There wasn't one more sign. Sarah became mother, **and Isaac arrived. The last sign was God manifested in a man's flesh** (*Gen. 18:1-15*). [7]

And Sarah, being ninety years old now, in the tent, laughed up her sleeve. And that Man, with His back turned to the tent, said, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'How can these things be?'" What was that? Discernment, a prophetic! See? That's what he seen (*Gen. 17:17-21; 18:9-15*).

Now He said, "**That will return again, and the Son of man,**" which that was, that was the Son of man right there. Well, he called Him Elohim, "Lord God." Elohim, anybody knows that's right, **Elohim is the Lord God.** "In the beginning Elohim created heavens and earth," the all-sufficient One. **The Son of man made flesh, there He was standing there in flesh at that time, like a theophany,** standing there discerning what Sarah was saying in the tent behind Him. He promised. Watch. **The Royal Seed of Abraham is promised to see that same thing.** [8]

Now to the perfect ministry of Himself; not some man, not some denomination, as they've worked down through that age there, see; **but Himself made manifest, manifests Himself to the promise,** making Saint Luke 17:28-30, Malachi 4, and so forth, Hebrews 13:8, just exactly right. At that time, what time should it be? **When the royal Seed of Abraham is looking for the promised Son** (*Rev. 22:17*). And all types must be fulfilled. And God Himself appeared in **the form of a human being, to Abraham's natural seed, before the destruction,** and Jesus said it would be the same thing to this **royal Seed before the promised Son returns.** [10]

Abraham's Seed be restored back to the kind of Faith that father Abraham had, His royal Seed. Malachi 4 to be fulfilled, is to restore back the Faith that was once back there in the beginning (*Jude 3*), **restore It back to the royal Seed of Abraham. It's a promise.** It's exactly the promise. **The Royal Seed is to be revealed, and by the Royal Seed, which is the Royal Seed, of Christ. Christ is the Royal Seed. And the Seed is the Holy Spirit that's in the hearts of the people that believe in God,** that hold His Word, and God working through them, carrying the same Message. "A little while and the world seeth Me no more, yet ye shall see Me; I'll be with you, even in you (*John 14:18-20*). And the works that I do, you'll do also." (*John 14:12*). See, revealing it in the last days here, how it's supposed to come. [9]

Then come along the Royal Seed of Abraham. They were all the natural seed, from Isaac. [2] Though Abraham conquered difficulties, Isaac and Jacob and Joseph, but **there was only One who could conquer sin. That was Him, the Lord Jesus.** [11] **But here come the Royal Seed of Abraham, which was Christ** (*Gal. 3:16*), **Abraham's Seed of faith** (*Gal. 3:9*), what we're supposed to be, just see how whether we are or not. **The natural seed only was a type.** All others were born of **natural birth**, but He come by **virgin birth**. See, that wasn't of the seed of Abraham, then, a Jew. He come by the seed of faith of the promise. And, then, we're supposed to be His children, through this Man.

Watch what He did. **When He was on earth, He conquered and possessed every gate the enemy had; the Royal Seed.** He promised it by the Word. He conquered it. **He conquered the gate of sickness, for us.** That's what He come to do. He, remember, sick people, He conquered that gate. **You don't have to**

conquer it; He conquered it. The other men had to conquer their own gate. **But you don't have to conquer; it's already conquered.** He conquered the gates of sickness. And what did He do when He conquered the gates of sickness, saying that He would? "Whatever you ask on earth, and whatever you've bound on earth, He would bind it in Heaven," **give us the keys to the gate** (*Matt. 18:18*).

He conquered the gate of temptation, by the Word (*Matt. 4:1-11*). And the keys were, "*Resist the enemy, and he'll flee from you.*" (*James 4:7*). **He conquered it all; conquered every sickness.**

He conquered death, and He conquered hell. He conquered what the others couldn't conquer, because they're of the natural seed. This is the spiritual Seed. He conquered the gate of the grave, and rose up on the third day, for our justification.

"And now we are more than conquerors." (*Rom. 8:35-39*). **We're just walking right into it, as an inheritance, "More than conquerors." Now we are dealing with a defeated enemy. Sickness is defeated. Death is defeated. Hell is defeated. Everything is defeated. We are disputing with a conquered enemy.**

"He will conquer the gates of his enemy." He stands here alive to vindicate Himself to who? **Those predestinated Seeds that can see it. He conquered that. Who, after his test, of the promise of the Word, they were sealed by the Holy Ghost, into the Body of Christ** (*1 Cor. 12:13*), to them confirmed Hebrews 13:8 to be so. They are sealed in there by the Holy Ghost (*Eph. 4:30*). Abraham foresaw it; by faith he believed it. **And now we receive It**, looking back to the promise of what He said. And John 14:12 is made confirmed in this last days, **by the risen Conqueror, Himself.**

Not some system; but a Person, Christ, the Conqueror. Not my church, **but by Jesus Christ. He lives today.** He rose over that, for our justification. And because He lives, He said we live also.

If you are in Christ! He said, "*If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you;* ask what key you want, **ask what gate you want to take;** ask what you will, and it shall be given to you (*John 15:7*). *If ye abide in Me, and My Word abides in you, you can take any enemy's gate that comes before you.*" **You're the royal Seed of Abraham.** [2]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]