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Abraham was ordained by GOD to be the father of many nations, but most specifically that nation which the LORD called HIS own. The LORD raised him up out of no reputation and called him while he was yet in unbelief and made him to rule as a mighty man and a father of Israel. He was the recipient along with “*his SEED*” of all of the promises of GOD. Yet Abraham being a mere mortal passed from this world and returned back to the dust from whence he came. So he cannot be that one through whom the promise of GOD is manifested and applied in an everlasting fashion.

We read in the book of Galatians, that the blessing of Abraham would come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ. “*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*” All of the blessings ordained for the sons of GOD, come to them through that ONE who is the SEED of Abraham, even JESUS CHRIST the only begotten SON of GOD. They have no benefit that is not applied to them in the person of JESUS CHRIST; even those enjoyed by Abraham himself.

Though JESUS CHRIST was the offspring of Abraham, after the flesh, yet even the gift of faith, which was bestowed on Abraham, and his calling out of pagan darkness in Ur of the Chaldees, was the result of his having been loved by CHRIST with an everlasting love and chosen in HIM before the foundation of the world. Abraham was as much a recipient of the grace of GOD as any of those who are found among those called of GOD and ordained unto eternal life.

The Jews thought that they were the chosen people of GOD based on their lineage being traced from Abraham. Many, so called, biblical scholars and prophetic experts express the same notion, disregarding the clear teaching of Paul who said, “*For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children.*”

Those children who are the heirs of the promise are not those who are born of Abraham’s natural seed but those who are born again by the power of the HOLY GHOST. Even as John testified, “*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*” Those who are Abraham’s natural seed boast of their lineage. The sons of GOD, on the other hand, have nothing to boast in, but the cross of CHRIST. All of their blessings are the product of GOD’s own purpose and grace, which HE freely bestowed on them before the foundation of the world. They were created as the sons of GOD and have not become the sons of GOD through any action, merit, or natural relation.

This is that Israel of which Isaiah goes on to speak saying, “*Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*” This is that same promise which Paul recounts when he said, “*For whom he did foreknow (i.e.;loved beforehand), he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?---For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” Is this your HOPE?

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