

# Father Is Restoring What Theology Bamboozled

“I will turn their lament into joy, comfort and gladness” (Jeremiah 31:13)

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Abraham Is Indispensable To Understanding Your Life In The New Covenant



Beginning with this Prophetic Insight we will be highlighting the building blocks of faith that were integral to the spiritual life of our Lord's first followers. When we first received these truths 30 years ago, we were, at first, deeply depressed. That's because out of ignorance we had allowed ourselves to be bamboozled by **anti-Semitic, Older Testament-ignoring theology**. We shed many tears while we were living in Israel. But when Father revealed the pivotal importance of Abraham and his trust-based obedient faith journey, we realized we too must by grace walk the path of Abraham—and that only in our Lord Jesus by His indwelling Spirit could we walk that path in love-grounded obedient trust. This realization filled us with joy! Did you know that **Abraham's name appears over 74 times in the Newer Testament?** That's pretty significant. He must be far more preeminent in our faith journey in Christ than anti-Semitism has allowed His followers to believe. Please get to know why Abraham is called God's friend! Our Father never established an institution called Christianity. But He did offer us an intimate relationship with Himself through His Son Jesus that He allowed Abraham a glimpse of.



Please appreciate with us that in Israel in 1994 the years of our laments were turned into our joy when we received the **Hebraic foundations** to share with people who seek to love and serve Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Our Father wasn't just tweaking some of our beliefs by revealing these truths to us. Rather, the **love-grounded and obedient trust-based way of life** along with the **relational priorities** He is restoring to His own in Christ are wholly unlike anything we've ever observed anywhere in Christianity.

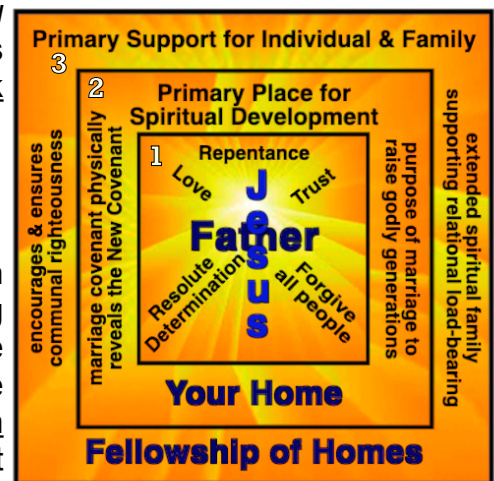
We do strongly sense that our time to help you make these foundations your way of life is running out. Beginning in this Prophetic Insight you'll find [links](#) to various materials we've produced over the years. (This way we won't use the time we do have by repeating what's already been presented.) For a short summary of what we've written, please read: •[Fast Tracking The Hebraic Foundations](#). Also, we encourage you to prayerfully view the following brief videos and ask the Holy Spirit for confirmation that these truths have come from Him:

•[Introducing The Hebraic Restoration](#) •[Introducing Mike & Sue](#) •[How We Got This Prophetic Message](#)

We **strongly urge** you to discover for yourself that our heavenly Father is the Wellspring for what we were commanded to share. Note this: when you have His assurance that He is the Source for what He is restoring, then you are directly responsible to Him to seek how He would have you practice and apply these truths.

## “Church” today isn't the way our Lord Jesus' earliest followers understood its consequential meaning!

The Greek word *ekklesia* is often translated as “church” in most Bible versions. It's become synonymous with a building in which religious services or activities take place. But the word literally means the “called-out ones.” These are the people who, by grace, Jesus calls out of the world system and into a whole new way of life serving in obedient trust



throughout their lives because of their love for Him and for one another. It's pivotal for you to be motivated by this understanding of *ekklesia*/"church". In this way you can live by the relational priorities our Father wants His children to have by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Yet being called out to serve isn't solely a Newer Testament phenomenon. It's significant to us today who follow Jesus that the first person who God called out to live in trusting obedience to Him was the Hebrew, Abraham (Genesis 12:1). This man unquestionably stands out among others who trusted God. To Abraham, God gave an eternal covenant (Genesis 12:2,3). To Abraham were given promises referring to Jesus as his seed to come (Galatians 3:16). The Gospel was told to Abraham in advance (Galatians 3:8). And moreover, everyone who trusts in our Lord becomes Abraham's child (Romans 4:16; Galatians 3:7). ***Again, Abraham's name appears over 74 times in the Newer Testament.*** So what do you need to know about him?

### **Acquire Abraham's trust-based obedience and you'll abhor how you've been bamboozled**



Our Lord Jesus is our only sinless and Perfect Pattern of loving and obedient trust. But even with his own human foibles, Abraham is presented in both testaments as an exemplary role model for us of a man on a trusting, obedience-based life pilgrimage: "Abraham trusted God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness." He was even called God's friend" (James 2:23). Abraham's life pilgrimage bears witness of a man who was keenly aware that God interacts with people, that He could be fully trusted, and that He demands absolute obedience.

Many years ago one of the finest *God-glorifying testimonies* we ever heard from a pulpit was given by our dear friends Nathan and Florence, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. For an hour the congregation laughed and cried with them as they animatedly recounted stories of their shared pilgrimage with our Lord. His faithfulness and their obedience during their life journey of joyful peaks, of sometimes mundane plateaus, and of valleys of despair came through clearly. We were all inspired by their pilgrimage of intimacy with our Lord Jesus no matter what the circumstances. (Stop and consider. Are you able to testify to our Lord's involvement in all that you have gone through or are currently experiencing?)

Below we want to recount some highlights of the pilgrimage journey of our father, Abraham. His faith in God encompassed a trust that took obedient action because of **Who** commanded him (James 2:20-26). This was an *ongoing* pilgrimage of trust from one command to the next to the next, each requiring a heart that was willing to comply because of Who spoke. (We're emphasizing the WHO because your own pilgrimage in our Lord Jesus depends on you recognizing the sovereignty and love of Who you're trusting and obeying.) Abraham's is a life of obedience and resolute trust in God. Picture God's view of the different events in Abraham's life and how God could call the patriarch His friend. We who are genuinely born again and who love and follow Jesus as our Lord should have no less an identity. Our Lord's first followers clearly understood the significance of Abraham. Sadly, most today within Christianity don't. They're just 'believers'!

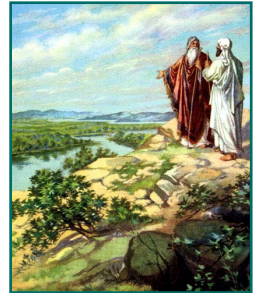
We hope you'll be encouraged by these points along Abraham's pilgrimage of obedient trust. Chosen by grace to serve God's purposes, Abraham was well aware that his life journey often intersected with the Divine.

- Until the age of seventy, Abram (Abraham after God changed his name) lived among relatives in the Chaldean city of Ur. Then in response to a call from God, Abram and his family left Ur and traveled to Haran, dwelling there 15 years.
- Abram then received a second call from God, this time with a promise. Taking along his

nephew Lot, Abram entered on a pilgrimage life of tent dwelling, trusting implicitly in God to keep guiding him.

- In the land of Canaan Abram received from God the great promise, “*I will make of you a great nation*”— even though he was as yet childless. But the promise didn't mean that his life would be easy. A famine forced him and Sarai (Sarah after God changed her name) to go down into Egypt. The first episode of Abram's fear which led to deception took place here when he lied that Sarai was his sister, not his wife. But God mercifully intervened and restored Sarai to him, along with abundant wealth.

- Disputes arose between Lot's shepherds and Abram's about water and pasture land. Abram gave his nephew his choice of pasture ground, and Lot chose Sodom's fertile plain. Then the King of Elam ravaged the whole country, and Lot was carried away as a slave. Abram immediately gathered 318 men from his own household and overtook the king and his troops. Soundly defeating them, Abram returned by way of Salem. There the king of Salem, Melchizedek, blessed Abraham, who gave him a tenth of the spoils in recognizing Melchizedek as a priest of God Most High.



- An impatient Sarai persuaded Abraham to take Hagar, her Egyptian maid, as a concubine, intending that whatever child might be born should be reckoned as her own. But then God told Abraham that the heir to the covenant promises would be the son of Sarai, even though she was ninety years old. God also told Abraham to call his son Isaac, and that He would establish an everlasting covenant with Isaac and his descendants.

- Three months after Abraham and all the males of his house were circumcised at God's command, three men visited him and Sarah. One of the three was the Lord, and at this time He renewed His promise that Sarah would birth a son.

- The two angels went on toward Sodom while the Lord stayed behind to talk with Abraham. Informing Abraham that the evil city was about to be destroyed, He allowed the patriarch to plead earnestly with Him on its behalf. But in Sodom not even 10 righteous people could be found, and early the next morning Abraham saw fire consuming it to ashes.

- Abraham moved southward, and again tried to save himself by lying that Sarah was his sister. God rescued Sarah through a vision to the king who had taken her into his harem. God prevented him from having sex with her. After they left that area, Isaac was born. Abraham's teenage son Ishmael and his mother Hagar were sent away at Sarah's insistence. (The ancient enmity between the sons of Isaac and the sons of Ishmael continues today.)

- Then God tested Abraham's faith by ordering him to go and offer up Isaac, the heir of all the promises, as a sacrifice. With unhesitating obedience he prepared to carry out the command. But an angel of the Lord stopped Abraham's uplifted hand, and God provided a ram entangled in a nearby thicket to sacrifice instead. The promises which God made to Abraham were again confirmed.



Abraham's pilgrimage on earth is the life journey of an imperfect human being just like each of us. The key distinction of Abraham was his obedient trust in God as he acted on what God commanded him. The Hebraic foundations radiate from you having a pilgrimage journey in Christ that's resplendent with trust-based actions out of grateful love for Him. We who live with Jesus as our Lord are spiritual children of

Abraham, but we are wonderfully graced with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Unlike the misplaced emphasis of anti-Semitic theology on creedal distinctives and diverse religious practices, the genuinely born again must view their own lives like this: as a pilgrimage of love-based obedient trust, by His grace fulfilling our Father's purposes to His glory. Below is a resource to help you scrutinize your own life and the lives of those you love to see if your own pilgrimage is on the path He has designed for you:

[To Love And Be Loved: Relational Intimacy Outside Of Religious Organizations](#)

Everything in the Hebraic foundations is all about relational quality, not religious forms and services. It's all relational, and not organizational! Our Lord's relational priorities start with our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus and you, indwelled by the Holy Spirit. They want to draw you so near to them so that you can fully appreciate how loved you are. And because of your grateful love for our Father and for Jesus, you can live your life fulfilling your Father's purpose, delightedly ruled by our Lord Jesus and guided by His Spirit. This is the true nature of the New Covenant which has been bamboozled from all too many who have never experienced this love-grounded life of obedient trust. Don't remain deceived. Take to heart what we are sharing, and confirm it with the Holy Spirit.

