

“The Kingdom of God!”



Part 2: “The Covenant of Grace”

Genesis 12 - 17

Introduction: Genesis 3-11 reveals the total depravity of a sinful human race who have rejected God’s rule.

It is only God’s grace that allows any of us to exist for another day!

God is sovereignly at work to carry out a plan that He determined before the world began, and that plan revolves around HIS KINGDOM!

All who are part of God’s kingdom live by faith in the God who keeps His promises!!

You can KNOW that God will keep His promises if your faith has THIS foundation.

I. Your faith must be built on knowing who God is!

The religion called “Judaism” today misses the fulfillment of God’s promises in Jesus Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3: “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

As Genesis 1-11 explains what happened leading up to God’s covenant with Abraham, Chapters 12-17 explain the beginning of God’s Covenant of Grace with those whom He chose out of all the people on earth.

These chapters reveal God making a covenant with Abraham and vowing to keep the promises He made.

Genesis 17:7-8: “And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you ... to be God to you and to your offspring ... and I will be their God!”

Islam is wrong precisely because of what God reveals here at the beginning of His covenant with Abraham.

Genesis 15:1-6, 17:1-8,15-21: “But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you ...” (17:21).

People drift and wander in their “faith” because they don’t know God and they don’t understand that He is both the God of creation AND the God of HISTORY!

II. Your faith must be built on knowing how God works!

In **Genesis 15:6**, God reveals the way to enter His kingdom.

Genesis 15:6: “And he (Abram) believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.”

How will God build His Kingdom? How will He fulfill the promises of His Covenant? How will He bring Salvation to sinful people? **By FAITH!!!!**

Romans 4:1-5: “And to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness!” (vs. 5).

Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 4:16: “That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring ...” (Romans 4:16; see also verses 20-25).

God calls to Himself those whom He has chosen from among the sinful race of mankind by grace through faith.

III. Your faith must be built on knowing what God promises!

Hebrews 11:13-16: “These all died in faith, not having received the things promised ...” (vs. 13).

Colossians 1:9-14: “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son!” (vs. 13).

God has kept and is keeping His promises to Abraham **TODAY!!**

He is saving a remnant from the Jews and the Gentiles (nations) who will, together, inherit His kingdom!!!