

# “The Kingdom of God!”



## Part 3: “God’s plan confirmed ...”

### Genesis 18-35

Introduction: Apart from the Bible and God’s covenant in Christ, the “*offspring*” of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, there truly is no hope for the future.

**Ephesians 2:12:** “... remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God ...”

**Ephesians 2:13, 18-22:** “But now in Christ Jesus ... you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God!” (vss. 13,19)

People remain spiritually ignorant or live as spiritual infants because they don’t know that their foundation rests on God’s “*Covenant of Grace*” with Abraham, and that they are part of God’s family tree.

God’s kingdom, God’s salvation and God’s covenant are for those who are part of His “*family tree!*”

### I. God repeats the promises to Abraham ...

Abraham holds on to God’s promise to give Him an heir and God keeps His promise!

**Genesis 18:14:** “Is anything too hard for the LORD?”

As Abraham “negotiates” with God it becomes apparent that there are exactly ZERO “*righteous*” people in Sodom and Gomorrah.

Either you are saved from the judgment we deserve by grace or you are not saved at all!

**Genesis 21:1-3:** “The LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as He had promised” (vs. 1).

**Genesis 22:1-2,8,14:** “God will provide for Himself the lamb ...” ... “So Abraham called the name of that place, ‘The LORD will provide.’”

God the Father poured out His wrath and judgment on His own Son for the sins of those who, by faith in Jesus would become part of Abraham’s “*family tree.*”

### II. God passes the promises to Isaac ...

Muslims live under a man-made law without any hope of forgiveness or redemption because they know nothing of God’s covenant of grace.

All those outside of the true Church miss the fact that GOD has made a way to enter His kingdom, to receive salvation, and that is through His covenant of grace!

**Galatians 4:21-26,28 ...** God’s “*family tree*” goes through Isaac.

**Genesis 26:2-4,23-24 ...** The promises made to Abraham are now passed on to the next generation through Isaac as God says once again, “I will do this!”

Our God is faithful! He swore by Himself. He made vows and He keeps His promises!!

**Genesis 25:19-23:** “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples ... the older shall serve the younger” (vs. 23).

**Romans 9:6-13:** “... not all are children of Abraham ... in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of Him who calls ...” (vss. 7,11).

### III. God confirms the promises to Jacob ...

**Genesis 28:10-17:** “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac” (vs. 13).

**Genesis 35:9-12 ...** From this time on God identifies Himself with His covenant people, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**Exodus 2:24-25, 3:4-6,13-15:** “... and God remembered His covenant with Abraham ... Isaac and ... Jacob ... Say, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers ... has sent me to you’ (2:24, 3:15).

**Galatians 3:29:** “If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.”

**If you are part of God’s family tree through faith in Jesus Christ, you are an heir to the promises God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!!**