

GOD WANTED YOU

Ephesians 1: 2-6

Background scriptures Genesis 12:2, 17:1-5, 22:17 &26:4

We have been encouraged for the past week in our Bible Studies and Sunday services with some very meaty messages. They are not for the faint of heart but are for those who want to grow higher. The season has shifted and as we have stated in speaking to each other, time is moving swiftly. The Word of the Lord says in **Matthew 24:21-22**-For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, those days will be shortened. More tribulation is to come, in which you must be prepared to meet the Lord in the air and changed in the twinkling of an eye.

Sunday's sermon-The Name Game, spoke volumes to us as we know that we are called by Christians as first mentioned in **Acts 11:26**. Tonight I want to encourage us to believe in the inheritance that God our Father has given us through the Blood of Jesus Christ as we have been adopted into the family of God. God Wanted You!

Why do we need to know this or rehearse this again? Because we don't want our name or inheritance stolen or changed by the world. So, we want to rehearse our inheritance and what to be ready for in this new season.

Therefore, we return to look at the root that was first mentioned:

Abram to Abraham

Genesis 12: 2-3-And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And **I will** bless them that

bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.¹

God told Abram because he obeyed and left his family this is what he would do for him. His obedience would carry great weight for generations. ** I thought for the longest time this pertained to the Jewish people only, but watch again as God's Word is fulfilled to them and us over and over again.

He packs up going to a land with no name, not sure of the direction in which to travel, it was like Father was saying just go that way. So, Abram and all that were with him in Haran (wife, cattle, servants, went from Ur towards Cannan. That takes a great amount of Faith and it was not easy! Notice that there were only one wife and no children at the time of movement.

God wants willing vessels that will listen for his Word and if it means uprooting, it's about his obedience with Father. So, with that, this is what this time of obedience meant for Abram.

The promises of God were to Abram:

Great nation
Blessings to Him
Make his Name Great
He would be a blessing

God would do for Abram: Bless them that bless Abram
Curse **him** that cursed Abram
All the families of the earth would be Blessed

This was before the name change-God gave Abram credit. He knew that Abram would raise a Godly household, people, and generations. So, God gave him credit and faith to do just that!

Genesis 17: 1-5 - And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am **the Almighty God**; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

¹ [The Holy Bible: King James Version](#). (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Ge 12:2-3). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

God the Almighty one (**El Shaddai**) tells him that if he walked before him perfect, he would covenant to agree, with him. * **Note** when Shaddai is mentioned some scholars suggest that it is related to the word SADU which means breast or man or both. So when it refers to God it refers either to His ability to supply abundantly [the Abundant One”] or to His majestic strength [“the Almighty one”] Here I suggest to you here means abundant one. Additionally, Minister Rolanzo told us that the Semitic root of EL meant god, the Canaanites used it as the name of their chief deity, the father of the gods & mankind. The Hebrews use it to refer to Yahweh.

We see in **1:2**- And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. God says to him that the covenant was made between him and Abram. **Covenant meaning**; A formal, solemn, and binding agreement. This was another agreement between God and man because you remember he made an agreement with Noah about the destruction of the earth. He sealed the covenant by placing a rainbow in the sky. Not the stolen LGBT colors but the Holy Covenant from Father himself.

Name change **v. 5**-Neither **shall thy name any more be called Abram**, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee²

- If you will recall Sunday’s sermon, it dealt with the changing of our names from being a slave to sin to a redeemed person in Christ. It gave us an identity in Christ Jesus. If we don’t have the Name of Jesus in us, we don’t have a name yet!

The Bible Knowledge Commentary stated-The patriarch’s name change was crucial. The name **Abram** (17:5), meaning “exalted father,” harked *back* to Terah (11:27) and implied that Abram came from royal lineage. But in Hebrew, the name **Abraham** (*’abrāhām*) sounds similar to “**father of a multitude**” (*’ab hāmôn*) of **nations** (17:4–5). His new name implied a look *ahead* to his **descendants**.

One can well imagine that Abram was hurt by the suppressed smiles on the faces of his men when he told them to call him Abraham, meaning the father of a multitude of nations—**when** he was **99 years old** (vv. 1, 24). Yet Abraham knew

² [The Holy Bible: King James Version](#). (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Ge 17:5). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

that God had not deceived him. His new name and his wife's new name were perpetual reminders of God's sure word. Every time someone addressed him he would recall God's promise, until finally Isaac, the child of promise, would call him "abba" (father).³

Ro 4:17- (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.⁴

Genesis 22: The Sacrifice Provided. However, we know the scripture that the sacrifice was to be Isaac, but God provided the ram in the thicket (bush). V9. Abraham, still trusting in the Lord, didn't want to withhold anything from the Lord would have sacrificed him. But I saw something in **vs. 5** -that indicated to me that he would come back with his son. He said that for the others to wait and he and his son would go over there to worship and come to you again. That spoke to me of the confidence and trust he had in God **Yahweh**.

Abraham's obedience exceeded even what he thought and God again told him

Genesis 22: 17-18- 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;¹⁸ And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.⁵

Hebrews 6:13-14- For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,¹⁴ Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying **I will multiply** thee.⁶

³ Ross, A. P. (1985). [Genesis](#). In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 58). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

⁴ [The Holy Bible: King James Version](#). (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Ro 4:17). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁵ [The Holy Bible: King James Version](#). (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Ge 22:17–18). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁶ [The Holy Bible: King James Version](#). (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Heb 6:13–14). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Each encounter with God, Abram never walked away empty. God promised his seed would bless nations, but he also promised that his seed would multiply.

****His seed was not only one person but many.**

I wondered why God had to tell Abraham so many times that he would bless him. Remember he was aged at the time of the announcement of promise, so he was **86** when Ishmael was born and **100** yrs. old when Isaac was born, so I would think that he needed a reminder. He never forgot or wavered what God told him and promised him.

So, I implore you to grasp that **God wanted you.**

Deut 14:2 For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar (Appropriate; belonging to a person and to him only, Special), people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Isaiah 43-Entire chapter

Romans 8:15- For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have receive the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba Father

New Gentile Believers

Ephesus was an ancient port city whose well-preserved ruins are in modern-day Turkey. The city was once considered the most important Greek city and the most important trading center in the Mediterranean region. Throughout history, Ephesus survived multiple attacks and changed hands many times between conquerors

The city of Ephesus was where Paul wrote many letters and the addition of souls flourished in Ephesus – Acts 19

Our Connection to Abraham

Psalms 2:8 -Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Galatians 3:13-14 & 16 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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.**

Ephesians 1: 3-6 -Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (**Romans 8: 24-25**)

⁴ According as he hath *chosen* Read--**Chosen** (**Acts 15:22; 1 Corinthians 1:27-28**) us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Here is where we are divinely connected with Christ. **Colossians 1:22**

God has chosen us. He sent Paul to preach to us the Gentiles – **Acts 22: 21**. Paul himself a sinner was chosen by God to preach salvation to all that were called. I would surmise that on the Day of Pentecost many were not Jewish but came to Jerusalem to worship. **God had done great work at Pentecost because many souls were baptized. Now Paul's work came to fulfill what God had already done.**

Paul went to the temple, he preached to the Jews and the Greeks. **Acts 19:8**. But the word says in **vs. 1:14**-Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. This correlates with v. **1: 4**

⁵ Having predestinated (Predetermined, foreordained, decreed) us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

The **NLV**- God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. **Romans 8**

Adoption- God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

This word does not appear in the OT, but there are examples of the practice Moses, Genubath Esther.

The Greek word for adoption(huiothesia [[uiJogesima](#)]) means to "place as a son" and is used only by Paul in the New Testament.

The believer's adoption as a child **of God was determined by God from eternity**: God "predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ" ([Eph 1:5](#)). This adoption is not the result of any merit on the part of the believer, but solely the outworking of God's love and grace ([Ephesians 1:5](#) [Ephesians 1:7](#)). **God wanted Us.**

[Bible Dictionaries - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology](#)

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

God wanted us to be equipped:

Equipping: **Acts 20: 28-32**-Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

²⁹ For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

³⁰ **Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. [2 Timothy 3:13](#), [2 Peter 2:1](#)**

Some defy what God has said even to disallowing Brotherly love to continue. They sit behind closed doors and speak contrary words in their homes and later dine with us every week. Look at the world around us. The love of many is starting to turn cold. *News of Michigan Governor

Jude 1:12 [New King James Version](#)

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

King James Bible

These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Remember the Bible Studies on Stubbornness and the Sermon about Love. If our spirits didn't receive what was being preached, or these messages didn't prick your **hearts then see God about DELIVERANCE.**

Paul Continued to Say....

³¹ Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

³² And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Paul let them know, I have been warning you for years that some things were going to take place. We too have been warned, we were in a shelter in place so that God to talk with us. Did you use the time wisely? Time is being shortened for our sakes, do not miss the season God has us in now. We must prepare for the uncertain times but have hope in Jesus Christ NOW.

The enemy has his strategies in place, it's time for more precise and targeted prayers because the enemy is still as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

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