

Sermon – Relentless Journey

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Re-Lent-Less Journey

Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 12:7

Taking the journey that God brings us to is promised to be full of blessings.

This was true for Abraham and is true for us, the spiritual descendants of Abraham.

God would bless Abraham by making him “a great nation.” And this happened when Israel became the “holy nation” of God.

It still happens because we are the New Israel, the Church which spans the globe two billion strong.

God promised Abraham, “I will bless you.”

God put his blessing on Abraham, gracing him, looking with favor on him as He did His entire creation at the beginning.

We, too, are blessed with the Holy Spirit who counsels and comforts us with the Means of Grace.

God promised Abraham, “I will make your name great.”

In Gen 20:7, Abraham is the first to be called a “prophet.” His name is still revered among God’s people. His original name, Abram, means “great father.” But God renames him Abraham, which means “father of a great nation.”

As the spiritual descendants of Abraham we also have a great name: Christians – named after our Savior!

God promised Abraham that, “You will be a blessing.”

God blessed Abraham and through him blessed others. His nephew Lot. His descendants from Ishmael through Hagar. The descendants of Isaac, Jacob, and Esau through Sarah.

But also us, the Christian Church. We are many tribes, peoples, and languages in the Christian Church and we are blessed by God as Abraham was!

The promise to Abraham, “I will bless them that bless you” can be seen in how God blessed Egypt and Philistia.

One modern example of God blessing those who bless His followers may be the founding of the United States.

The oath, “I will curse those who curse you” can be seen in the way God dealt with the Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans and the nations that treat Christians poorly in the modern era.

But the most profound blessing of God’s journey for Abraham and for us is, “And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

The Messiah, Jesus Christ, came through Abraham to bless the world through His death and resurrection.

And the world is still blessed as the spiritual descendants of Abraham continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the ends of the earth!