

God created a people through whom the Messiah would come.

GENESIS 14

The LORD God Most High

Abraham: The Father of All Who Believe (Romans 4:11)

GENESIS 12 & 13

Becoming a People and a Blessing for Others and Others

God is gracious to call us

shape us

use us and give us direction!

Journey on!

God is patient and provides His grace so that we can:

keep working, keep growing,

keep confessing & keep repenting.

We Are Brothers.

Practice standing on God's Word & peacemaking.

TO GROW IN GRACE MEANS TO...

To grow in grace means to utilize more and more grace to live by, until everything we do is assisted by grace... The greatest saints are not those who need less grace, but those who consume the most grace...those who are saturated by grace in every dimension of their being. Grace to them is like breath.

Dallas Willard Renovation of the Heart

Genesis 12:1 “Now the Lord said to Abram,

“**Go** forth from your country,

And from your relatives

And from your father’s house,

To the land which I will show you;

2 And **I will make you a great nation,**

And I will bless you,

And make your name great;

And so **you shall be a blessing;**

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Isaiah 49:6

He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant
To raise up the tribes of **Jacob** and to restore the preserved
ones of **Israel**;

I will **also** make You **a light of the nations**

So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

John 4:21-22

21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming
when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you
worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we
worship what we know, **for salvation is from the Jews.**”

Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.

19 He blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,

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Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”

He gave him a tenth of all.

Affirmation of GOD and Man

Genesis 14:13 Then a fugitive came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were allies with Abram. 14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15 He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.

Genesis 14:16 He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.

Genesis 14:17 Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

See Also Gen. 14:1-12

Journey On through Affliction & Adversity

1. Abram rescued Lot and brought him back.
2. God & His covenant family came together against the kings.

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Affirmation of GOD and Man

1. Melchizedek is identified as king of Salem & priest of God.
2. Melchizedek blessed, affirmed & congratulated Abram.

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3. Melchizedek also connects Abram to God Most High.

4. Melchizedek identifies God as King of creation.

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5. Melchizedek blessed, affirmed & congratulated God.

6. Melchizedek affirmed where victory comes from.

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Allegiance to God through Man

1. Abram showed his allegiance to God.
2. Abram did this by giving a tenth to God’s representative.

Genesis 14:21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give the people to me & take the goods for yourself.” 22 Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have sworn to **the Lord** God Most High, possessor of heaven & earth, 23 that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, for fear you would say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ 24 I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, & the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, & Mamre; let them take their share.”

Allegiance to God, not Man

1. Yahweh adds to the distinction of God being Israel’s God.
2. God created people for His glory & His people for His glory!

PRACTICING AFFIRMATION

1. Good affirmations are God-centered, pointing to the image of God in a person.
2. When we commend God's image in people, God is glorified.
3. When done well, affirmation does not fuel pride in the person, but refreshes them and honors God.

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God's Glory

Gospel/Grace

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

**Find your identity in God's grace, glory and call.
Practice affirming God, even when affirming man.**