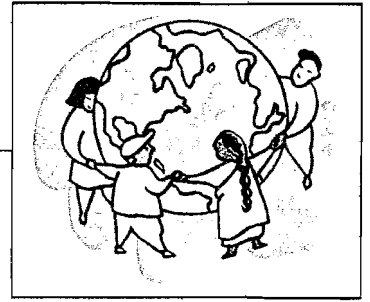


God's Promise of Spiritual Descendants



Throughout scripture we find references to spiritual descendants. We see God promising people in the Old Testament that they will be a part of spiritual generations from many nations. God's desire for generations of spiritually reproducing people did not end with His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God wants each of us to be a link in generations of men and women who walk with Him.

I. God's Promise to Abraham

A. What was God's promise to Abraham?

Gen 12:1-3

Gen 15:5

Gen 13:16

Gen 17:4-5

God also gives His promise to Sarah.

Gen 17:16

B. What was Abraham responsible for in the life of his descendants?

Gen 18:19

C. Who else received a promise of descendants from God?

Gen 26:24

Gen 28:13-15

Gen 35:11-12

D. What do these promises suggest about God's heart regarding His people?

II. Other Promises for Spiritual Descendants

Meditate on these passages. How do they speak to you about having spiritual offspring?

Is 44:3-4

Is 54:1-3

Is 61:8-10

III. Descendants Among the Nations

Abraham was designated by God as the father of many nations. What do we see about God's desires for the nations in these verses?

- A. What was God's plan for the nation of Israel?

Deut 7:6-8

Deut 26:18-19

Deut 28:9-10

I Ki 8:59-60

- B. God's plan for Israel was in concert with His plan to impact the nations. To what end did God want to impact the nations?

Ps 67:1-7

Ps 89:9

Ps 96:1-10

Is 11:10

Is 14:26-27

Dan 4:17

Is 55:5

- C. How does God's use of Israel as an instrument for His glory before the nations relate to our own lives as individuals and as members of the Body of Christ today?



IV. The Sphere for Spiritual Reproduction

We are commanded in the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 to make disciples of all nations. The intent here is not to just make some disciples from different nations, but to disciple the nation. How does this change your perspective on spiritual reproduction?

- A. What do you see as your sphere for making disciples?
Luke 24:45-48
John 3:16
- B. What was Paul's perspective on his sphere of ministry?
Rom 1:5
Rom 16:25-27
- C. Paul spoke of having spiritual offspring. The verses below identify some of those whom Paul considered to be his spiritual children.
I Tim 1:18
II Tim 1:2
Titus 1:4
Philemon 1:10
- D. Why did Paul consider these to be his spiritual offspring?
I Cor 4:17
Phil 2:20-21

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER:

What was the most exciting verse you encountered in this study? Memorize this verse to remind you to invest in generations.

What is one step you will take to invest in someone's life?