



HOW GOD BUILDS A PEOPLE

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You know the song, "Father Abraham, had many sons...?"

You know why we sing about Abraham?

Because Abraham was one of the first people who ever lived who had a personal relationship with God. He believed in God when others didn't. He understood the ways of God, when others didn't.

This matters because if we can believe in Jesus Christ as the savior of the world, we become the children of Abraham. And God gives us the promise of being with us, of forgiving our sins, and making us into strong people who can help others; who can lead others; who can bless others!

This is what God has for you.

Just like Abraham and his children:

- 1.) God has a PROMISE for you!
- 2.) God has a Covenant (like a promise but bigger) for you!
- 3.) God has a place for you!
- 4.) God has a purpose for you!

The children of Abraham are known as the Jewish people. God gave them a covenant, which is like a really BIG promise!

When God makes a promise, He keeps it! And the story of Abraham's children shows us how God will keep his promises! AND God keeps his promises even if we do exactly right. Even if we make mistakes.

Here is a promise that God gave the Jewish people:

Isaiah 11:10-12

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10 At that time the new king from the family of Jesse will stand as a banner for the people. The nations will come together around him. And the place where he lives will be filled with glory. 11 At that time the Lord will again reach out and take his people who are left alive. These are God's people who are left alive in Assyria, North Egypt, South Egypt, Cush, Elam, Babylonia, Hamath and all the islands of the sea. 12 God will raise a banner as a sign for all people. He will gather the people of Israel who were forced from their country. He will gather the scattered people of Judah from all parts of the earth.

This is exactly what God did with the children of Abraham. Even though they didn't please God with their lives. He brought them back to the land he gave them.

Here is the Old Testament prophet said to the people on behalf of the Lord:

Jeremiah 30:10-11

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10 "So people of Jacob, my servants, don't be afraid! Israel, don't be frightened," says the Lord. "I will save you from that faraway place where you are captives. I will save your family from that land. The people of Jacob will be safe and have peace again. There will be no enemy to frighten them.

11 I am with you and will save you," says the Lord. "I scattered you among those nations. Even if I completely destroy all those nations, I will not destroy you.

God promised that in spite of what the children of Abraham went through, He would bring them back to the land he had given them. The reason there is a nation of Israel is because God promised to restore them. And he did! In the same way, God will keep his promise to us. This is God's promise to us.

John 14:1-3

Jesus said, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. And trust in me. 2 There are many rooms in my Father's house. I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back. Then I will take you to be with me so that you may be where I am.

Parents, take your kids hands, or put your hand on their heads, and pray this:

- Help us to have strong faith
- Help us to keep our commitments to you
- Help us to find our purpose and serve you