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GENESIS 12:1

1 ¶ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, **Get thee out** of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

GENESIS 12:2

2 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:

GENESIS 12:3

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.

GENESIS 12:4

4 ¶ So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

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EARNESTLY.CONTENDING.FOR.THE.FAITH.THAT.WAS.ONCE.DELIVERED.TO.THE.SAINTS_CONNERSVILLE.IN SUNDAY_ 53-0614A

E-36......Here comes Abel, knowing that it wasn't apples or fruits. God didn't dwell in beauty or a sincerity. **He dwells in election and calling.** So he wraps this vine around the lamb's neck and here he comes, moving up to the altar.

GENESIS 12:2

2 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:

GREAT: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1431 gadal {gaw-dal'}

to grow, become great or important, promote, make powerful, praise, magnify, do great things

II SAMUEL 7:9

9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee **a great name**, like unto the name of **the great men** that are in the earth.

GENESIS 12:3

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.

GENESIS 12:7

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed **will I give this land**: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

THE.FAITH.OF.ABRAHAM LA.CA WEDNESDAY 59-0415E

E-19......the promise was made to Abraham, not because he was a great man, or not because that he was a--a religious man. But it was by God's foreknowledge; by election He chose Abraham. God chose you. You never chose God; God chose you. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first."

So many people say, "Oh, I sought God, I sought God." That's a mistake. You don't seek God; God seeks you.

GENESIS 13:14

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

GENESIS 13:15

15 For all the land which thou seest, **to thee will I give it**, and to thy seed for ever.

GENESIS 13:16

16 And **I will** make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

GENESIS 13:17

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for **I will** give it unto thee.

GENESIS 13:18

18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

ABRAHAM'S.GRACE.COVENANT_ MIDDLETOWN.OH FRIDAY_ 61-0317

E-24 Now, He made it to Abraham. Not, "Abraham, if you will do a certain a thing, I'll make a great nation of you and make you a father of nations." He said, "I have done it." Remember, the promise is altogether grace and no law mixed in it at all. Not any "ifs" at all, it's absolutely God's choosing of Abraham....... It wasn't Abraham's desire; he was a heathen. It wa... He come down from the tower of Babel, down in the valley of the Shinar and the land of the Chaldeans and the city of Ur. And he was... he was just an ordinary man and... Nothing Abraham done, not even his desires, but God, by grace and election chose Abraham. That's the way He chose you: Not nothing you done, what He done. Now remember, "to Abraham and his seed."

ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED.AFTER.HIM_ BLOOMINGTON.IL SUNDAY_ 61-0416
E-30 Now, now, watch. Abraham was called by election,
nothing Abraham did. And now notice, the covenant and
Genesis 12 (See?), the whole covenant was given to Abraham;
the whole covenant is completely grace (See?), not
"Abraham, if you'll do a certain thing, I'll do a certain
thing." It wasn't, "If--if you'll do this, I'll do this." God
makes a covenant with a man, and man always breaks His
covenant. He told Adam, "If you'll not eat from that tree, you'll
live," but Adam eat from it. And He told him the covenant that He

made with them at the Mosaic covenant in the wilderness there; they broke it.

ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED.AFTER.HIM CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY 61-0423

E-16......when God, in Genesis 12, called Abraham, it was by election. It wasn't because Abraham was good. It wasn't because Abraham deserved it. It was because that God chose Abraham, not Abraham choosing God; It was God choosing Abraham. And that's the way He calls His seed too. Not what you want to be, not him that willeth, or him that runneth, but God that showeth mercy. Is that Scripture? Certainly. It's not what you want be; it's what God has chose you to be......

GENESIS 15:1

1 ¶ After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: **I am** thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

GENESIS 15:5

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, **So shall thy seed be.**

GENESIS 15:6

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

GENESIS 15:7

7 ¶ And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, **to give thee this land to inherit it**.

GENESIS 15:18

18 In the same day **the LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying, Unto thy seed **have I given this land**, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

GENESIS 15:19

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

GENESIS 15:20

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

GENESIS 15:21

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

GENESIS 17:1

1 ¶ 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.

GENESIS 17:2

2 And **I** will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

GENESIS 17:3

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

GENESIS 17:4

4 ¶ As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

GENESIS 17:5

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; **for a father of many nations** <u>have I</u> <u>made thee</u>.

GENESIS 17:6

6 And **I will** make thee exceeding fruitful, and **I will** make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

GENESIS 17:7

7 ¶ And **I will** establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

GENESIS 17:8

8 And **I will** give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and **I will** be their God.

ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.1_ JEFF.IN IC 1-34 WEDNESDAY_ 53-0325 75......Now, He made the covenant, unconditional. It isn't just exactly that He made it just because that he was--that he was Abraham. He didn't say, "Now, Abraham, if you will do this, if you will do that." He said, "Abraham, I have done it already. It ain't nothing you've got to do. I've done it, Myself." Amen. Oh, my, when I think of that. God did it Himself, unconditional. God's covenant is unconditional.

ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.1_ JEFF.IN IC 1-34 WEDNESDAY_ 53-0325

76 You say, "Well, brother, I quit eating meat. I don't do this. I..." Brother that don't have one thing to do with it. It isn't whether you eat meat or don't eat meat, or keep Sabbath days or new moons, or whether you go to Sunday school on Sunday, or what this is. **You are saved, unconditional**.

Then you say, "Brother Branham, then if I'm saved, glory to God, I can do what I want to." Yes, sir. And if you're saved, brother, you have no desire of nothing of the world. And your whole heart's centered on that, you can't keep away from it. But as long as there's a tug there, you know there's something wrong yet.

Now, election, God called Abraham, told him He was going to save him, unconditional.

ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.2_ JEFF.IN IC 35-64 THURSDAY 53-0326

25 God told Abraham, "I have blessed you, and I've made you a father." Not "I will." "I have. I have made you. And you'll come to Me in an old age. You're going to be saved. **I've already done**

<u>it</u>. I've already said so. You haven't got nothing to do with it. It's unconditional." God determined to have His church. So every time He made a covenant with man, man breaks his covenant; and he does yet today. Man will always break his covenant with God, but God can't break His covenant with man.

ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.3_ JEFF.IN IC 65-96 FRIDAY_ 53-0327

19 Now, we find that God's church is <u>not the will of the people</u>. It's election. Election is in God. God called Abraham, the founder of the faith, beginning. God was the Founder, of course. But Abraham, in the beginning was called out of Chaldea, city of Ur, out of the plains of Shinar, not with any merit of his own. God saved him unconditional, and gave him the promise of all his seed, unconditional.

ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.3 JEFF.IN IC 65-96 FRIDAY 53-0327

20 Jesus, when He came along, He said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him. You didn't have nothing about coming to God then. God drawed you to Jesus. "And all that comes to Me, I will in no wise cast out. He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life......

ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.3_ JEFF.IN IC 65-96 FRIDAY_ 53-0327

21......I believe that God set examples. He saved Abraham, unconditional.

He made a covenant with man, and man always breaks his covenant. But man has always tried to find some way to save hisself, try to make hisself. It comes from a strain in the garden of Eden. When man realized he had sinned, he tried to make hisself a religion, a covering. The word "religion" means "covering." And Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together and made themself a religion. And since then it's been a strain of man down through the age, trying to do something to save hisself.

But you are saved by grace, election: God's foreknowledge, predestination, foreordination. Paul tells the church at Ephesus, that God predestinated us in Christ before the

foundation of the world. Think of it: Predestinated us in Christ before the foundation of the world. What we worried about then? Get away from the worry, we're just the happiest creatures you could ever have seen. My, how can you believe that and keep from being happy?

JEHOVAH.JIREH PHOENIX.AZ TUESDAY 55-0222

E-27 **Now, Abraham, God called him by election.** He wasn't any better than anybody else. He came down, out of--from Babylon, out of the... Perhaps, maybe, his father and them might have been an idol worshiper, for all I know. It was in Babylon, and Babylon was the beginning of idolatry. It was established by Ham's children, which was Nimrod, and finally, first was called "the gates of paradise," later called Babylon, "confusion." There's where idolatry was set up, and perhaps Abraham's father might have been an idolater.

But he came down into the... a land of Shinar, in the city of Ur, and there they sojourned in there, and God, by sovereign grace, called Abraham. Not Abraham calling God, God called Abraham and give him the covenant. Now, to my Arminian brethren, this may shock just a little bit, but He give it to him unconditionally (That's right.), not "If you'll do this, if you'll do that..." There's no "ifs" attached to it. "I have done it." Amen.

In the garden of Eden God made a covenant with Adam; Adam broke it. Every time God makes a covenant--or man makes a covenant with God, he breaks it. But this time God's determined that He wasn't going to let His children be lost. He made the covenant wholly unconditional, told Abraham, "I saved you, and now you're coming to Me in an old age, not only you, but your seed after you have I saved."...

THE.FAITH.OF.ABRAHAM_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA FRIDAY_ 55-1118

E-20 Therefore He, **by election, He chose Abraham**, for He knew what Abraham would do.......

But God foreknowing that, and knowing that Abraham would do it, then He told Abraham in the beginning that He would save him and save his Seed after him, and would give him the--the unconditional covenant that He made with Abraham. **Not** because Abraham was good, but because God was good.

THE.FAITH.OF.ABRAHAM SAN.FERNANDO.CA FRIDAY 55-1118

E-21 And every believer in here is a Christian tonight, because, not that you're good, but because God was good to call you. You couldn't come yourself; **your--your nature's against you.**

You just couldn't, as I said the other night, make a pig believe he's wrong eating slop, because it's his nature. See? Now, the only... A leopard could not change his spots. No matter how bad he would lick, he'd only brighten it. And you don't want reformation; you don't want to try to reform, or do a little better, you've got to be changed completely inside, and the nature come from within, and it'll work out. But get it right inside at the beginning. And you begin with a soul before the world was ever formed, when God created man in His own image. Now, you got to get that right, and that's what has to be borned-again, not your thinking. It takes care... It moves with this........

ABRAHAM_ BROOKLYN.NY SATURDAY_ 56-1208

E-19.....when God makes a covenant with man, man always breaks the covenant with God. So God by foreknowledge knew that there had to be some preparation made to save man. God made this covenant with Abraham unconditional. Now, that may be a little strong, but He made it unconditional. Before Abraham did anything to merit. God said, "I have already finished it." Nothing Abraham he had to do with it. "I have done it. You're coming to Me in an old age, and I've already saved you. And not only have I saved you; I'll save your seed after you." Not if you'll do something, and if you will, or if you won't. "I have." A finished work. God already done it.

JEHOVAH.JIREH INDIANAPOLIS.IN WEDNESDAY 57-0612

E-7.......God, when He called Abraham, He called him by election, by sovereign grace. And the covenant that He gave to Abraham is completely and wholly unconditional.

He never made any conditions about it at all. God made this covenant by Himself with Abraham: not, "Abraham, if you'll do so-and-so..." He said, "I have." Not, "If you have got anything to do with it..." God is determined to save man.

JEHOVAH.JIREH_ EDMONTON.AB. SATURDAY_ 57-0810

E-22 Now, and God made His covenant with Abraham, absolutely unconditional. There was no ifs and ands about it. The covenant was absolutely had no strings attached to it at all, and **Abraham had nothing to do into it......**

THE.IDENTIFIED.MASTERPIECE.OF.GOD_ YUMA.AZ SATURDAY_ 64-1205
71......in Abraham He started him on an unconditional covenant.

Not "if you will." I have. I've already done it. I've blessed you, you and your seed, and so forth, after you." It was an unconditional covenant. He started with Abraham, His workmanship again, and now with His unconditional covenant. Then, when we find out, He based on Abraham and give him the covenant, unconditional, with the promise.

GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP LA.CA V-18 N-2 SUNDAY 65-0425

- 29......Adam would had something to do in order to keep this covenant alive before God. He had to walk in God's ways, keeping all of His Word, not breaking one Word.
- 30 But then He made another covenant, and that was with Abraham. This covenant was not on conditions, but was unconditionally. God gave the covenant to Abraham, no strings tied to it, at all. **Unconditional! Not, "I will." "I have! I've already done it."**
- And that's the law that Christians must live by. Is not what we do ourself, but what He has done for us. Christ has already been sacrificed. Not, "He will be." He has been! **It's a finished product.** He lived, died, rose again, ascended into Heaven, has come back in the form of the Holy Ghost. So, it's a finished work, with God........

THE.SEED.SHALL.NOT.BE.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK_ LA.CA V-18 N-5 THURSDAY_ 65-0429B

- 35 He gave Adam the promise, first. And that was, or, the covenant was on conditions. "If you won't do this. If you will do This."
- But when **He gave it to Abraham, it was unconditional**, "I have already done it." He never... What He did, it was unconditional, He gave to Abraham. Now, and through that, Abraham having the promise, therefore we have to be Abraham's Seed. "It was not only to Abraham, but to his Seed after him." Now if you'll notice, it wasn't "seeds" after him, but "Seed" after him.
- Now we find out that the promise, being slightly doubted by Sarah, and Sarah told Abraham to take this Hagar, the Egyptian, young woman, for wife, and that would be the way that God would raise up this promised seed.

GENESIS 17:17

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

GENESIS 17:18

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

GENESIS 17:19

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

GENESIS 17:20

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

GENESIS 17:21

21 **But my covenant** will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

ROMANS 9:10

10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

ROMANS 9:11

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that **the purpose of God according to***ELECTION might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

ELECTION: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1589 ekloge {ek-log-ay'}

the act of picking out, choosing; used of **the act of God's free will** by which before the foundation of the world he decreed his blessings to certain persons; the decree made from choice by which He determined to bless certain persons through Christ by grace

ROMANS 9:12

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

ROMANS 11:5

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to **the election of grace**.

ROMANS 11:7

7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but **the election hath obtained it**, and the rest were blinded

I THESSALONIANS 1:4

4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

II PETER 1:10

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your **calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

ISAIAH 65:9

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine **elect** shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

ISAIAH 65:22

They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine **elect** shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

MATTHEW 24:24

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very ***ELECT**.

ELECT: eklektos {ek-lek-tos'}

Chosen, picked out, chosen by God, to obtain salvation through Christ;

choice, select, i.e. the best of its kind or class, excellence preeminent: