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Episode 122 -Abraham Part 2: In a Parable

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Hey friend — come walk with me through Abraham's story: the promised seed that comes from the heart, the parables that taught him of resurrection, and the strange, powerful images like the smoking furnace and burning lamp that point to God's deeper truth.

This episode peels back the surface of Genesis to show how faith, spiritual circumcision, and the Holy Spirit's work change understanding — and how believing like Abraham can change your life too.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. Today, we're going to be exploring the deep things of God concerning Abraham again. I put out a podcast concerning Abraham and the promised seed, and how, for Abraham, the promised seed would be those who believed like Abraham. In Genesis 15, when it says it came out of his own bowels, that word "bowel" is translated as "heart" in Psalm 40. It's also translated as "belly."

What it is saying is out of the mind of Abraham, out of the mouth of Abraham, it's the people he would tell the promise to, who would believe it like he did. The promised seed

was not literally out of his body. It was through his own heart... those who would believe like Abraham.

So, exploring some deeper things given to Abraham, I want to turn to Genesis chapter 6. This sets up a rule of thumb for us as we continue down the road of exploring the deep things of God. In Genesis chapter 6, this is before the flood, and I have done podcasts on what this means in Genesis 6:1-4. I'm not going to get into that today. I want to start at verse 5.

Gen 6:5 God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And it repented Jehovah that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

So what I would like to suggest to you is that what you're reading in verse 5 is the Father. God the Father saw that the imagination of man's thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. *And it repented the Son.* Now, both Father and Son are named Jehovah. How do I know that? Because in Hebrews 1, the Son of God inherited his name, inherited the name of the Father (Heb 1:4). I've pointed out in other podcasts how this Jehovah or "I will be what I will be, I am that I am," is an idiom. Both the Father and Son become what they need to be for you at the given moment.

We see in Exodus 34:6-7, where it describes the name of God. He's compassionate, gracious, long-suffering, merciful. See, he will become whatever he needs to become for you. And the Son is the same thing. They both have that same name. It does not mean that they are self-existent. That is what the universal church will tell you. I'm not saying that the Father isn't self-existent. That isn't what "I am that I am" means.

So here I've got the Father recognizing the heart of man is only evil. And I see the Son of God repenting that he had made man on the earth; *it grieved him at his heart.* First of all, God is not a man that he should repent, that he will repent (Num 23:19). That's why I know this is the Son of God. What does it mean that he had made man on the earth? Well, let's go to the next verse, verse 7.

Gen 6:7 And Jehovah (or the Son) said, I will destroy man whom I have created...

Now, what does that mean? This word "created," *I will destroy man whom I have created*, the Strong's number is [1254]. Looking this up in the ancient Hebrew, it's like every word. You need to look it up in the ancient Hebrew to see where it came from. Then you can understand what's being said here. This word that the King James has translated "created" begins with two letters that represent the tent or the house. The second letter is the picture of a head. When you put these two together, it means "family of heads."

See, the family dwells in the tent. It's a family of heads. This was applied to grains, wheat, and barley. They all have a cluster of seeds at the top called heads. So this word stems from a word that means grain. See, it's to feed. If I just follow this all the way down to where you finally get the word "create," the word literally means "to fill up." Grain is fed to the livestock, making them fat or full. So this word is "to fill or be fat."

"The filling of man with life in the image of God, the fattening or filling up of something, the filling of the earth in Genesis 1 with the sun, moon, plants, and animals, and the filling of man with life in the image of God (AHLB)." They translated that "create." It's okay because you're seeing man created inwardly, by being given the truth. Now look again at Genesis 6, verse 7.

Gen 6:7 Jehovah said, I will destroy man whom I have filled, I've made fat. I filled their mind from the face or the person of the earth...

What is he saying? That before the flood, man was filled in their mind, given from God, earthly truth, not heavenly. What's the difference? Heavenly is more spiritual. Heavenly is God's understanding, but it's spiritual. Earthly is of the earth. It's more natural and literal. This is key because if you look at before the flood, people were not given heavenly truth. And Jesus warns us that at the end of the world, it's going to be like the days of Noah.

In the days of Noah, the flood happened because water came down from heaven and earthly water came up, causing a flood. Now bear with me. See, heavenly water is truth from God, and water coming up is man's understanding or iniquity. When the truth of God is mixed with man's understanding, it spoils all of it. It becomes a flood of iniquity. If you're not in the boat, if you're not in Christ, you're going to be carried away by this flood.

So before the flood, Man was filled up or created inwardly from the person of the earth. After the flood, it's going to be different. How? After the flood, you see Abraham come into the picture, and he is given heavenly truth. This never happened before the flood. Abraham was given heavenly truth. Now, how do I know that? I just want to read something to you from Hebrews chapter 11. I'm going to start reading at verse 8.

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, he obeyed; and he went out, not knowing where he went.

By faith, what's faith? It's what you've been told. It's what you're taught.

Heb 11:9 By faith, he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of this very same promise.

Heb 11:10 He looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Now, how could he do that? How could he look for a city whose builder and maker is God? How much did God tell this man? When you go back and you read the story of Abraham, you just don't see it. You don't understand what is actually going on here. But I want to read to you another account of Abraham, still in Hebrews 11. Look at verse 17.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Heb 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall your seed be called.

Now, verse 19. The word "accounting" is "reasoning."

Heb 11:19 He was reasoning that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Now, it's the word "figure" you need to key on, because guess what that word actually is? It's a parable. God had given Abraham a parable. Now, let me ask you, who do we know in the Bible who only taught in parables? It's Jesus Christ. Go read Matthew 13; he only taught in parables. But when his disciples would come to him, he would explain it

to them. Why would you give someone a parable if you're not going to tell them what it means? So again, look at this verse, Hebrews 11:19. *He reasoned that God was able to raise Isaac from the dead.*

Why? Because he received it in a parable. Question: When you go back and read the story of Abraham offering up Isaac, he had to have already known that parable. In other words, what you're reading in Genesis 22, it may be a parable. It may be an allegory. But he had already been given a parable explaining this. How do I know? Well, look at Genesis 22, and we could start reading at verse 1.

Gen 22:1 It came to pass after these things, God did tempt Abraham, and he said, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

Gen 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains, which I'm going to tell you of.

Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Gen 22:4 Then on the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes, and he saw the place afar off.

Gen 22:5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Remain ye here, abide here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

Abraham already knew he would be returning with his son. *I and the lad will come again to you.* How did he know that? According to Hebrews 11:19, he got that understanding from a parable, but he had the understanding before Genesis chapter 22. When you're considering a parable or an allegory, you see the cross all through Genesis 22. But again, Abraham already understood the son would be raised from the dead.

See, how did he know that? Well, when you look at verse 6, *Abraham took the wood and laid it on Isaac, his son.* That's like Christ carrying the cross. Now, I'm not saying that Abraham understood that, but these things are in this chapter, and it looks so much like the cross where God offered his only begotten Son. Here, he's asking Abraham to offer his only begotten son through the promise. This is the promised seed. Look at verse 9.

Gen 22:9 They came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar. He laid the wood in order. He bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar.

Gen 22:10 Abraham stretched forth his hand. He took the knife,

Gen 22:11 And the messenger of Jehovah called out of heaven. He said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, here am I.

Gen 22:12 He said, Lay not your hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me.

He had already been told that God was going to give him his son. He saw this in a parable and that the son would be raised from the dead. Verse 13,

Gen 22:13 Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, behold, behind him a ram was caught in a thicket by his horns (which is used in Daniel 8 as a picture of Christ). Abraham went, he took the ram, offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

I left out what Abraham said in verse 8.

Gen 22:8 ... My son, God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering...

How much did Abraham actually know? Because God had shown him in a parable. What parable? Where is the parable? It's back in Genesis 15. Now, I've actually done a podcast on Genesis 15, and it might be worthwhile to go back and really get into it and understand what is being said here, because in Genesis 15, this is where Abraham is circumcised with the circumcision made without hands... where God cuts away the flesh of his understanding, where Abraham thought his seed would come out of his body, not out of his heart.

The promised seed comes out of his heart. Those who believe like Abraham are blessed with Abraham. So God circumcises his fleshly understanding so that he can walk in God's understanding. But then Abraham asks a question, and he says in verse 8,

Gen 15:8 ... Whereby shall I know I shall inherit it?

What? The land. See, he's told, *"I'm going to give you this land to inherit it."* Well, how do I know I'm going to inherit it? What land? Is the land literal or spiritual? The land God gave that man was spiritual. It was the land that he lived in, the promised land, the land in his mind, the promises God gave him. He didn't literally give him land. That's another podcast that ties into this.

But what you're seeing, how do I know I'm going to inherit this promised land? It's in your mind. Abraham looked for a city that has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. He was looking for a spiritual land. Well, *"How am I going to inherit this land?"* So he's told to take a heifer, a goat, a ram, a turtle dove, and a young pigeon. It's interesting that what we just saw in Genesis 22, Abraham said, *"God will provide for himself the lamb."* And he sees what? A ram caught in the thicket with its horns.

So here he is given a parable of the cross and what happens at the cross. Without going into all of it, it's verse 17 that we need to key on.

Gen 15:17 It came to pass, that, when the sun went down...

Think of the cross. Did the sun go down at the cross? The sun was blotted out. The sun disappeared, and it was dark. At that point of the cross, Jesus is no longer the Son of God. He is man. He is portraying man. Of course, literally, he was the Son of God. But when the sun went down, he already had on his crown of thorns, the stripes on his back, the nakedness, and now the darkness. He is portraying the soul of humanity. This portrayal of humanity is called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is New Jerusalem. New Jerusalem is the mother of us all (Gal 4:26).

Gen 15:17 It came to pass, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold, there was a smoking furnace...

Isaiah 31:9, God's furnace is in Jerusalem. It's New Jerusalem. It's the Holy Spirit. Why smoking? Because the Holy Spirit will burn out of you the iniquity and what doesn't need to be there. There was a smoking furnace, which was pictured in Christ, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. The burning lamp is a symbol of the Father and the Mother, and you see this in Proverbs 6:20 and 23. *The commandment of God is a lamp. The instruction, the law of your mother, is the light of the lamp.*

For you to have a lamp without any oil is useless. You can be told and believe. The commandment, God would have me love him and love my neighbor as myself. But without the instruction of the Holy Spirit, the Mother, you're not going to be able to do it. So here Abraham sees a parable of the smoking furnace and a burning lamp, which represents the Father and his spirit, and the Son's portrayal of his spirit. What did they do in Genesis 15:17? The smoking furnace and the burning lamp passed between those pieces.

The word "between" is very important because the first place it's used is Genesis 3:15. Genesis 3:15 is about how the promised one, the Christ, the seed of the woman, will crush the head of the serpent, which is iniquity. Like Jesus said, he would be the serpent on the pole (Jhn 3:14). He's going to crush iniquity in our lives, set you free from all iniquity, Titus 2:14. The seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent. The problem is, a woman doesn't have any seed... the seed of the woman. Everybody will point back, "Well, that's got to be Mary." No, it's the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the mother of Christ. God the Father and his Spirit brought forth the Son of God. They pass between. What is that? It's a wall. The word "between" is a "wall." And by means of the cross, the Father and his Spirit and the Son's portrayal of the Spirit, pass over the wall of our iniquity into an eternal mind.

Why would God give Abraham a parable and not explain it to him? If Abraham wanted to know what that meant, rest assured, God told him. God told the man, why? Because before the flood, man was not given the heavenly truth, and they reached a point where they were only evil continually. But Christ, or I should say the Son of God, did something different after the flood. He began to give Abraham heavenly truth. How do I know? Abraham looked for a city that has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Abraham, by means of a parable, understood that his son would be raised from the dead before he got there and did it.

There were so many things being given to Abraham. Another big one, I believe, was seen in Melchizedek. Because Melchizedek comes out, if you'll look at Genesis 14:18, he gives Abraham bread and wine. This was a priest of the Most High God. Now, there are several ways I can look at this. If this is a priest, the High Priest, the priest of the Most

High God, did God not tell him anything? How could he be a priest of God and not know anything?

Could this be one of the first signs that God was giving spiritual truth to other people? This man, who possessed this truth, comes out with bread and wine. Why bread and wine? Why didn't he come out with, you know, cheese and ham or something? Why bread and wine? And why is that recorded? Melchizedek was a symbol, a type of not just the Savior, but the risen Savior, Jesus being raised from the dead, now perfected.

God says, *"You have a priesthood like Melchizedek. You're going to be like Melchizedek."* How? Melchizedek was not a priest because of his parenthood, his lineage. He was a priest because God chose him and made him one, just like Jesus. Jesus was not a Levite. He was not made a priest after the Levites. He was made a priest after Melchizedek. Who was this Melchizedek? In Hebrews 7, he was the King of righteousness and King of Salem, which is King of peace. That's Hebrews 7:2.

He comes out as a type of the risen Savior and offers Abraham bread and wine. Did Abraham understand that at that given moment? I don't know, but he paid Melchizedek tithe. I have to believe Melchizedek had an understanding. He was not just as dumb as a bag of rocks. The man was a symbol of the risen Savior. He was king of righteousness, king of Salem. He was a high priest of God. He knew and understood something. Abraham, after he is given spiritual truth in chapter 15, may have remembered that incident of Melchizedek.

Maybe he still spoke with Melchizedek. Why wouldn't he? And why wouldn't he share his faith with Melchizedek? Because Abraham's seed is going to be those who come out of his own heart, the people he tells who believe it. So if I can look at this and recognize the fact that God taught Abraham through parables, how do I know? Hebrews 11:19. To the point that Abraham knew his own son would be raised from the dead if he had to put him to death, because he understood that the Son of God would give his life and be raised from the dead.

If you start getting into all of these stories concerning Abraham, remember, Jesus said in John 8:56, *Abraham rejoiced to see my day. And he saw it and was glad.* How did he see his day? He saw his day in a parable because God gave him the parable. God gave

Abraham an understanding because he is the father of our faith, and he gave it to him before he was physically circumcised. In that case, he was a Gentile who became a Jew. He was a Jew-Gentile. I don't know how else to look at it.

Even Abraham's wife, Sarah, whose womb is dried up, Abraham and Sarah are given the promise that they're going to have a child. But her womb was dried up. There wasn't a man on the planet who could have gotten her pregnant. But she got pregnant, just like Mary. How could Mary be pregnant? She never knew a man. See, it's basically the same thing. A man can't do it. This ain't going to happen. But she became pregnant, both believing the promises of God. They were both given the promised seed.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were all given that promise, which became an oath. Mary was given the promise of a son. She was a virgin. He was the promised seed. And we become the seed of Abraham when we believe like Abraham. What are we going to believe? We're going to believe the Christ, because the promises were made to Abraham and his seed, and this seed was one. That seed was Jesus Christ. We believe that.

In so believing in Jesus and being baptized, being taught, not going out and getting dunked in the water, but being baptized with the water of the word... baptized into his death, you experience the burning lamp and the smoking furnace passing between the pieces, going over the wall of your iniquity and your fleshly understanding and entering into your heart, circumcising you with the circumcision made without hands... the spoken word of God changing your life forever. Why? Because you believe it.

But remember this truth. God is unsearchable. You will never understand this without the foolishness of preaching, and God will put someone in your life to lay this out to help you understand it. Right now, I think of somebody who may never have heard of the Deep Things of God Ministries, and maybe, after hearing this podcast, they don't know where I'm coming from. Why? I'm speaking a different language. We're using the same words, but they mean something different.

I'm trying to help you overcome every nation, kindred, tongue, and people and be saved from all iniquity. Know the Father. Know the Son. Understand what happened at the cross. Understand how Jesus portrayed the soul of all humanity. How he found death to self, to help us put away all iniquity, and we can be saved from all iniquity. In other

words, our language changes, our understanding changes, and increases. It goes higher, and we are free from iniquity and able to serve God in spirit and in truth.

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, you are Yah, the only true and living God. There is none like you. We worship you. We need you in our lives. We want you more than anything on this planet, and you are coming to us in the word of truth. Please, I pray that you be forever glorified in your church. In Jesus' name, Amen.