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Abraham as the Servant of God

I 15:6 The Basis of the Qualification of Faith

So Abraham 4:1-5

So Gal. 3:8 "the people"

We look for faith, which is something for the
purpose of which we are made. But the Spirit
of the Lord is not in us, as we are not made for that.

The whole answer is that faith is something for the
purpose of which we are made. But the Spirit
of the Lord is not in us, as we are not made for that.

SUBJECT: Abraham as the
Servant of God

[The Smoky Furnace]

The caption on 15:6, including parentheticals 17:17-18
17:17-18

So Rom. 4:7-12

of which I believe I have written elsewhere

2. The text on 17:17-18

If you are faithful, what you are the ally
of Abraham.

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THE SMOKING FURNACE

I. The Covenant of Faith

15:6 = Rom. 4:1-5

In the foundation, our hope, we look for
feelings, words, something in us.
But the Spirit as the word testify it is
the God who saves us - we trust in His grace.

God takes Abraham's faith (trust) in His
to a perfect righteousness (which the Law
Rom. 4:2
Rom. 12:10-20
Heb. 11:17
counted)

This acceptance long before Law, circumstances
hundreds of years before Law, Law

The whole legal system + parenthesis: we
are accepted not on the basis of our works but
upon our trust in God.

- Faith unites us to the
- grafts us into the Living Vine
 - builds us into a Rock
 - clothes us with white garments.

Gen. 15

Abraham and the Promise of Christ

I. 15:6 The Basis of ^{Acceptance} this justification: Faith

So Rom. 4:1-5

So Gal. 3:9 "the gospel"

We look for feelings, works, something on us for the ground of future blessing, satisfaction. But the Spirit and the Word testify it is not. And - we take this at His Word.

God takes account of our faith, in lieu of perfect righteousness (which he looked for in Rom. 4:2). This long before law of our civilization - hundreds of years before Mosaic law. With Mosaic system of promises - now in it, accepted by faith, not because of works. Faith unites us with God. Baptism us into His Kingdom. Faith us into the Word. (1 Cor. 15:10) us with white garments.

This acceptance in 15:6; introduction of civilization in 17:19-24
So Rom. 4:7-12

of today, baptism, legal obligations, church membership
of John the Baptist in Mt. 3:3-10
Paul in Gal. 6:15

If you are of faith, trusty in Christ, you are a true child of Abraham.

II The Covenant of Sacrifice

15: 7-18

the furnace a type of Egypt (no altar in Gen. 4:20
[11:3:51])

the lamb a type of God's presence

the divided pieces offered to Goyim, a type
of Israel offered to enemy nations who
would devour her

the "hour of darkness" the 400 years of
suffering and affliction in Egypt

the procedure of the sacred covenant:
both parties should have walked between
the divided sacrifices: Gen. 34:18-20
but here, God alone. Abraham helpless,
not the way
no pact

the substantiated covenant not depend
upon Abraham's backsliding but God's.

II. The Covenants of Sacrifice.

15: 8-17

1. A story of trouble for the soul of Abraham

So 15: 13

So Gen 4: 20; Ex 8: 51 - furred type of Egypt
- lang: Heb. furred

The divided piece, 2, good to fowls: small divided
at cut through, the fowls fair devour small
(Abraham)

So 15: 12 "horror of darkness" what was to come
upon Abraham's soul

today: even to pass a night day as night.

2. A type of Christ: picture of Calvary's new covenant.

The procedure in older times of completing a covenant
of Gen. 34: 19-20 a clean animal: usually a calf,
cut in two, covenanters stand between, join hands: "It
is to be done with his ~ to this animal, who beareth the
covenant."

Abraham himself should have slain his proper
But instead innocent animals substituted. place.

Each animal, according to Leviticus, a type, picture of X

sheep - Num. 19: 2 clean, sanctified

ram - atonement

goat - bearing sins on day of atonement its wilderness

oxen, treading down - redemption for the poor

slain by the hand of the sinner. all Abraham did in
the whole process.

Arranged in opposite pieces: an aisle, passage way
between the bloody pieces. Heb. 10: 19, 20 through
the rent veil of his flesh

The smoky furnace: the judgment / the
of Sodom, Homestead Dec. 18:28 "So, the
smoke / the country went up as the smoke
of a furnace."

of. God or not Sinai Sept. 18:19 "and not
Sinai was altogether in smoke... and the
smoke rising ascended as the smoke of a
furnace."

of. the pit into which John looked Rev. 14:11
"the smoke of their torment ascended forever
and ever"

God's judgment demands the death / the sinners

15:12, 17 The judgment of mercy of God.
Abraham helpless, asleep - out of the way, in faith.

The smiting power, the judgment of God,
of Sodom and Gomorrah, Gen 18:25 "the smoke of the country"
of God on Mt Sinai, Ex 19:18 "such as would be seen from"
of the pit into which they looked Amos 4:11 "so that they
God's judgment demands the death of the sinners."

The burning lamp Job 1:4 of God, heat, mercy, light
Ps. 85:10 "Mercy and truth are met together
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other."

And take these things into account, as they are
expressions of the love of God (Amos 4:2).
The law of righteousness is demanded, you
must have both mercy and truth, and
in the midst of faith, and the mercy of
God is the love of God.
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The acceptance in 15:6, including righteousness 17:10
in Amos 4:2-13
of truly loving, light, truth, and mercy
of God is met in Mt. 23:23
and in Gal. 3:15
of mercy of faith, truth, and mercy
of Abraham.

III. A Type of Christ, His Atoning Sacrifice

Each animal mentioned is detailed
in Book of Leviticus; a picture of
the sacrifice - Num. 19:1-10, cleansing, sanctifying
name - atonement of Lev. 22:13 "name of the Lord"
goat - bearing sins away into wilderness
in Day of Atonement
figs, turtle doves - redemption for the poor

arranged in opposite pairs: an aisle, a passage way
between the bloody figs.
Lev. 10:19, 20 through the next veil of his flesh

III. Falling away from the promise.

Gen. 16.

Even to faith, had to wait upon God
Trying in our own strength, to bring to pass God's will

But not till Abraham helps in himself } out
Said "as our dead" } dead
our own strength put away } I say
that
bring
forth
the

10:10

2. A Tipping Point - Genesis 22:1-14

The procedure in older times of sacrifices consisted
of Gen. 22:19-20 a clean animal, usually a ram,
with its horns, was cut into pieces, and the pieces
were laid out on the ground, with the head
upward.

Abraham himself should have been slain by Isaac.
But Isaac was not a virgin, as the text states.
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Arranged in opposite pairs: on right, facing way
leaving the bloody pieces - Heb. 10:19, 20 through
the rent veil of his flesh

II. Living On The Promises of God
Heb. 11: 8 "He went out, not knowing
whither he went."

This the gospel of X: Heb. 7: 8 "as
the Scripture, forecasting all that would
justify the last through faith, preached
beforehand the gospel unto Abraham
they which be of faith are blessed
with faithful Abraham."

We look for feelings, to our good
words or financial worth - in essence,
something is not for the purpose of
our salvation or blessing. But
the Spirit in the Word tells us
it is the fact who keep his promise
that save us, bless us, direct us.
Just taking this at his word.

Gen. 15: 6; "Abraham believed God and
his faith was counted for righteousness"
the text, Romans 4: 4 The word of
our justification, acceptance, by God:
not our words, works, merit, but our
belief in X.