

## **The Place & Purpose (John 16:13)**

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### ***Not I, but Christ & The Purpose of God***

Anything that directs the heart unto Christ is serving the Purpose of God. Many times we do not understand that everything of this world is opposed to this (including the religious mind of the Christian).

It is easier to get involved with a religion than with a Person. We can memorize and learn a doctrine or teaching and then try to live according to those standards, because it is something that that we (Man) can *try* to do. But to know Christ Jesus Himself, we must surrender ourselves of our own ability and fall upon the mercy and ability of The Omnipotent: El Shaddai.

What a blessing of being in such a state of a sure hope!

### ***The Beginning, The Call, The Place, & The Purpose***

Acts 7:1-4 (NKJV) 1 Then the high priest said, "Are these things so?" 2 And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, 3 and said to him, Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.' 4 Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.

Genesis 12:1-7 (NKJV) 1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 15:4-7 (NKJV) 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. 7 Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

## ***The Journey of Mercy, The Journey of Faith***

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NKJV) 1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Ephesians 2:4-10 (NKJV) 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Titus 3:1-7 (NKJV) 1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. 3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

John 1:11-13 (NKJV) 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

## ***Look at Abraham & Lot***

### ***Correct Biblical Interpretation***

Context, context, context...

Culture, culture, culture...

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus...

John 5:39-40 (NKJV) 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

## ***Born of The Flesh***

When we were Born of the Flesh:

- What do we remember:
  - Our first day?
  - Our first week?
  - Our first month?
  - Our first year?

-Soon after, we began to grow in the knowledge of the Natural Creation we were Born into

-From our parents we began to learn to eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil

- Mostly: *Do Not...*
  - Touch that...
  - Eat that...
  - No, no, no...

-We begin to learn how to *move* & *have* our being in the Natural Creation in which we *live*

-Learned the colors

## ***No Choice***

While in this state of Death that we called Life:

-Our soul was bound in the condition / the state of Death

-Slaves of Pharaoh (no other option)

-Naturally we began to eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil

-Who needs to teach a child to rebel and throw a fit?

## ***The Journey of Abraham (The Walk of Faith)***

When does this Journey begin? -When The God of Glory Appears

### *From Haran*

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### *From Ur*

Genesis 15:7 (NKJV) 7 Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

Addressing the Areopagus "Arius Hill" {Ἀρείου πάγου} Lit. Hill of Ares, or Mars' Hill

Acts 17:22-28 (NKJV) 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

## ***The Renewing of The Mind***

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.