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Chosen to Walk like Abraham

If we know or Father hears us, and our sins are all being confessed and forgiven, we can ask anything and it will be given to us. That means all of our natural inclinations and tendencies and things that would take us away are being dealt with. And we can ask anything and it will be given to us. (We gave our Sacrifice)

Up until Gen 17, our Father wasn't expecting to have a people who were blameless or guiltless. Up until the time when He chose Abraham, He was referring to the nations (in Gen 1:27-28).

But since man of the nations fell, then our Father's purpose went to more than just Noah's three sons who would make up the nations. All races came from Noah's three sons — all the races and the nations. But then when He chose Abraham, He chose a person who would procreate a nation and walk before Him blameless. The nations are to walk in a manner that would allow them, after they die and are resurrected, to be judged to determine whether or not they would go on to the second death. In Gen 3:16 they were to walk by the covenant, the agreement the He made with them. Paul talked about that everlasting covenant. It's the knowledge of good and evil. By it they could determine what they wanted to do, even though they wouldn't be blameless as Abraham was blameless.

When our Father chose Abraham, He chose a ruling class — Israel. Israel means to rule... after the flesh is dealt a mighty blow. The flesh is the inborn tendency not to please the Creator, which must be cut off. It is the way the evil one would cause us to be defiled.

Our Father required that these people would have a circumcised heart and be blameless. He required the world to stay within the boundaries of the covenant He made with them. In Rev 21:24 it talks about two classes of people in eternity: the nations and the Holy City. The Holy City is the New Jerusalem, the light of illumination. And then it talks about the twelve tribes of Israel. In the ninth verse the twelve tribes is the wife, the bride of the Lamb. She is the twelve tribes of Israel. Verse 24 says that the Holy City, which is the twelve tribes of Israel, will give light and direction and illumination and knowledge and guidance and understanding. And that's the ultimate thing we're working for. We're espoused and engaged to our Master Yahshua now. So 2 Cor 11:3 says that we're engaged to the Son of God like Yoceph was engaged to Mary, and that engagement, if she was unfaithful, he would have had to divorce her and put her away. Normally in those days she would be stoned for unfaithfulness, but Yoceph loved her so much that he would not have wanted that and he would have

put her away.

If the church becomes unfaithful, <u>they</u> will be put away and they won't marry the Lamb of God. Paul was concerned whether the first church would or wouldn't marry our Master. He was the agency God used to make that engagement for future marriage. The serpent comes in and tries to deceive the second Eve to make her unworthy to marry the Lamb of God. Rev 19:7-8 — The wedding banquet has come. The bride who made herself ready would be with Messiah personally, then at the end of that millennial period you see the heavenly city, Jerusalem, come down from heaven out of the sky, dressed like a bride. After there has been a great fire of purification on the earth that's when Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire with every one else who was intolerable. Rev 20:10 — Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire and the whole earth is burned and renovated, but not annihilated. Every man-made item is burned. Therefore, everyone is taken off of the earth at that time.

Rev 21 — the bride comes to earth. Our Father loves the earth. He loves it so much; it is one of His favorite places. And that is where the evil one came. The evil one could have earth eternally. God put Himself in a vulnerable place by saying man will rule over Satan. Man will defeat the evil one and put him under his feet. But God knows that His love is so great because He is love. He believes that with His love, He can get man to do anything He wants him to do. God thinks that if He could get man to just know and understand how great is His love for him, he would gain man back. Rom 5:9 — "While we were yet sinners Yahshua died for us." He showed His love for us. 1 Jn 5 — He first loved us, so as a result we love Him. This is the God who appeared to

Abraham. The seed of Abraham — would God sacrifice His only begotten Son? Well, that's what Abraham was going to do. God felt that Abraham loved Him so much that he would sacrifice his own son. He thought that if He told Abraham to do anything, he would do it. Can you imagine how much Abraham loved his son and how much God loved Abraham? Do you think it's ridiculous that God would ask a man to sacrifice his only son? Well, that is exactly what God did. He sacrificed His own Son. So you see a great love there. The love of God so communicated to Abraham heart that he would even sacrifice the one he loved the most. And that was the ultimate test.

So God has Abraham. He has got a man who's greater than Noah or David or Enoch or Seth. Our God has Abraham. He said, "Abraham, I want you to walk blameless before Me." When man was created, he had a pure, sensitive, circumcised heart, and after a time, man's heart grew dull. That's the fall of man. We fell away from our communion with Him. We could know Him in our brain and our intelligence, but we couldn't know Him in our heart. So the work of the Holy Spirit and of our Father is to sensitize our heart again that He could give us direction and speak to us so that we wouldn't be deceived anymore by the evil one and his deception. And the more sensitive our heart is, the less able we are to be deceived.

Our Father chose Abraham to command his family and his children for generations and generations after him to keep the way of his God in order that the promise that God made to him would come true. But if the descendants didn't keep the commandments, they wouldn't inherit the promises. Gen 18:2 — That was a self-cursing oath. God said, "If I don't keep My word, the I will be cut in two just like these two animals." He split the animals in two an put them on the alter and burned them. What would God do if Abraham weren't faithful? Would He just get a bunch of robots to do His will? Would He just get a people and beat them into submission against their will? Or would a people be found on earth to receive God's message? And He would win their hearts.

We see Abraham's descendants doing the very thing God feared: they started transgressing the Law that He put in their hearts. The reason for the external Law, the Law of Moses, was because man had transgressed the Law in his heart. It had to be written on tablets of stone. But God doesn't want to have to externalize His Law. We see that the Law didn't annul what He gave to Abraham. That covenant is continued on in us. We live under grace, not under the Mosaic Law. Gen 26:51 — We see that Abraham kept the Law 400 years before it was given on Sinai. Our Father had him. God had found a man. He kept the Law. And we're sons of Abraham if we do what he did. Jn 8:39-43 — If we don't do the deeds of Abraham, we're sons of the Devil. Since you don't know God, you don't know Me. If we're children of Abraham, we'll do the same things he did. We'll love our Creator so much that if He asked us to, we would offer up as a sacrifice our only son. We know that He would probably never ask us to offer up our son, but He would ask us to offer up our life in service to Him every day (Rom 12:1). That's reasonable isn't it? That's the least thing we can do.

So we're the seed of Abraham and our Father has chosen us to walk like Abraham and to bring the promise that our Father promised Abraham and make it come true. We know that our Master is in that seed. We're His offspring, the fourteenth generation. Our Master Yahshua was the thirteenth generation and we're the fourteenth

We are the completion of Him, part of Him. We're His wife. He's nothing without us, and we're nothing without Him. But He would rather not go on without us. He doesn't want to be without us.

We're the light of the nations now, in order that an age would come when we could illuminate and rule the entire earth. He wants us to come into self-judgement and self-control. That's what the sons of Abraham are to do. It is like when you put a golden ring in the snout of a pig. In Solomon's day, you would see a beautiful woman wearing a ring in her nose. Pr 11:22 — Without discretion and self-judgement, we are like a ring of gold in a pig's snout. We're like a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

Our Father did a special work with Abraham that He didn't do in the nations. Gen 3:16-19 — If the nations stay within that boundary, then our God protects them from the work of the evil one. The man has a wife whom he loves so much, and he works by the sweat of his brow to provide for her and she loves him so much, she bears her children in pain, and those children respect the mother and father and they're held together in a bond. That's the natural law of the nations. Rom 2:12-16 is the natural law in every person's heart. Rom 1:18 — God put that law there, the knowledge of good and evil. Most of us were outside of that covenant. We were trained

that good was evil and evil was good. We were educated by Hollywood and the evil that is in the educational systems.

He gave Abraham a special thing that was undoing the fall in his heart. The nations can't know and love God in their heart, but we can. We can express Him, we can express His love and that's how it will be. If you see us, you'll see God because we'll be doing the things that God does. And the nations will walk by our light (Rev 21:24), and Kings will bring their glory in to us. It will be a wonderful relationship. It will be what God desires — His order. We will eat from the tree of life and the tree of life will produce twelve different fruits. And in Rev 22:23 the nations will partake of the leaves of that tree for their healing. Messiah Yahshua is the tree of life.

We're the leaves and He's the fruit. He's the essence of that tree. We will be medicine to the nations. They'll drink from us. We'll be their healing, their everything. The nations don't know Messiah Yahshua, but we do. They'll know us. They'll see God in us. We represent Him exactly like our Master represented the Father. That is what He has in store for His set apart holy ones. But we're not proud. We have a humble, submissive attitude to be a light to the nations. God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son (Jn 3:16) that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

He wants the nations to know how much He loves them. Jn 17:23 — How will they know it? Through the light of salvation. There's got to be illumination. Our unity, our oneness produces a great and shining brilliant glorious light to the nations. Do you know that God loves you? If you do, you'll be like Abraham and you'll do **anything** God asks you to do!

Our Master said, "My Father didn't force Me to do anything; I did it on My own initiative. I did it because I love Him." I love Him and He loves Me.

And He loves you. He chose you out of the miry clay and froth and slime and cesspool of this world. He put your feet upon a Rock. Isa 49:6 — That light will go to the ends of the earth and then those who have come in to self-judgment, who are circumcised of heart, will produce that marvelous light. The twelve tribes are being raised up today. Pr 2:7 — Our Father stores upvictory for those whose walk is blameless. He stores up victory. Understand? If we have judged ourselves rightly, we can drink the victory cup. He stores up victory for those whose walk is blameless, like Abraham.

Col 1:13 — We've been delivered out of Satan's dominion and we have to stay out of his dominion. We have to be blameless in our walk. We're delivered from keeping the way of Satan. And we've been transferred over to keeping the way of YHWH with a circumcised heart. The power to act and decide according to the judgement that comes from a circumcised heart — self-control. I hope we are not like a beautiful woman who lacks discretion. Lack of discretion means just letting anything spout out of your mouth, or just believing anything that people say without discernment.

If we lack self-control, we lack love. If you don't have self-control, you <u>don't</u> have love. You can't have any of the other fruits of the spirit without self-control. If there's a man who says, "I can't control myself," and he doesn't listen to the wisdom and advice of the elders and he does things against the elders, then you know that man doesn't have the fruit of the spirit. That person is ready to make someone stumble and fall and leave the community. He's about to take someone away from the community (Heb 13:17). If you say, "I love you, I love you, I love you!" to someone and you can't control yourself, then an evil spirit is causing that love. Mt 18:6 tells you what happens to the man who causes another to stumble. If you don't have self-control, you're of the evil one.

Disciples who have the Spirit of our God are in control. They're producing the fruit of the Spirit. If you don't have self-control, you can't love. You don't have peace and you can't be patient. If you don't have self-control you have *nothing*.

Love is an action. It is a verb, something that comes out of you. It is something you do.