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"Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear [honor] thy name." Psalm 86:11

DISCOVERING ONENESS—UNTIL NOTHING IS BETWEEN YOU AND GOD

Abraham was quite an ambassador to have ushered in the kingdom of God by faith. Once God broke through into his life at age seventy-five and moved him away from wrong influence, the seemingly irreversible was reversed. That too can happen to you. The effect of chaos can be reversed when you ask and receive the wisdom of God. "Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. [The anointing of God will not flow or overflow when flesh craves for self-promotion or and competes for recognition.] But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace," James 3:13-18. The wisdom of God must be drawn out into the light by the Spirit of God. No matter how long or how wrong, just one right decision in the right direction can drastically change everything else in your life. That one thing that causes God's favor to abound is you abandoning yourself to God's purpose. It is the yielding of your entire personality on God [mind, emotions, and will], trusting him with all your heart [belief] ultimately allowing the Lord to choose his best for you. You no longer bring your plan to God to bless it, but you seek God's face to receive his plan, that is already blessed. Abraham's ancestry was acting like they were self-made, so never acknowledged God as their creator. They did their own thing, in their own way. Psalm 100:3 challenges us to: "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Even Nimrod, a descendant of Noah, was to be the first mighty hunter before the Lord in the earth. He was to have dominion over Babel; defined in Hebrew as confusion. But somewhere the "before the Lord" part was forgotten. The Tower of Babel began with a people who did not honor God. Their talk breached being led by the Lord. They talked among themselves about their dream of building a great city with a skyscraper i.e. "temple-tower reaching to the skies—a proud, eternal monument to themselves" as the Living Bible states. Their plan was to weld themselves together to remain inseparable. They saw themselves as wise in their own eyes, leaned on their own understanding, left the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, therefore became strangers and aliens of God's covenant because they followed traditions that made the Word of God ineffective. They withdrew themselves from God's support because Babel was fully alive in them. Confusion causes you to be unclear and uncertain. Opinions or intentions become mixed together. Then you cannot distinguish one from the other. You mistake right for wrong. So you see ignorance is not the opposite of wisdom, confusion is. That's why we pursue the wisdom of God from the Word of God, not just knowledge alone. You can know something exists, but not know how to properly use it. The Living Bible in Psalm 25:8-13 promises, "The Lord is good and glad to teach the proper path to all who go astray; he will teach the ways that are right and best to those who humbly turn to him. And when we obey him, every path he guides us on is fragrant with his lovingkindness and his truth. But Lord, my sins! How many they are. Oh, pardon them for the honor of your name. Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best. He shall live within God's circle of blessing and his children shall inherit the earth." The circle of blessing is a God's breachproof defense of favor that extends east, west, north, south, above and beneath for you, his heir, and your God-given inheritance. It is God's shield to protect and preserve you. Psalm 5:12 confirms this, "For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous, with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield." What made Abraham righteous in the sight of God was his faith in the living God as his covering, not his "own work". He used faith as a tool to give God something in the earth to work with. Abraham believed God, which was his defense. As he sought God, he found him to be his exceeding great reward. "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 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 the same promise: for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God," Hebrews 11:6,8-10. It is easier to go God's way by faith when you two are an "item".

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Thought for Transformation

When Abraham trusted God, he was called faithful. But when God totally trusted him, Abraham was called his friend.

Weaving, Not Welding

Abraham did not point us to, but showed us the Way. As our navigator to get us to our promised land, not in heaven, but on the earth. Abraham was not only called, but he came; he was not only chosen, but he was counted. Romans 4:3 "... Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness [sins cancelled and declared not guilty]. In the Hebrew language the word "counted" is plait as in braiding hair or weaving; to interpenetrate—go between and throughout mutually. Like a three-fold cord that is not quickly broken, gaining access—into all parts of the promised land—to the extent the blood of Jesus affords at the same time because you are a unit. When Abraham thought, regarded, and valued what God thought, regarded and valued, they became one. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they will walk, not faint. Isaiah 40:31. The word wait in Hebrew means "bind". Their hearts were knitted together as one unit so nothing could come between them. Welding only attaches, but never secures.