

# Flames of Faith Ascending Prayers



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The earth is Yours and the fullness thereof. Israel is Yours. Thou O' Lord are a shield around me. The glory and the lifter of my head. Oh how increased are they that trouble my soul. Many are they that rise up against me. There is no help for them in God. I cried unto the Lord with my voice. He heard me out of His holy hill. I will lay me down and I will awake for the Lord sustains me. Thou O' Lord are a shield for me. You're the glory and the lifter of my head. I will not be afraid of ten thousand demons that set themselves against me round about. I cried unto the lord. Glory, glory., glory ! You're the glory and the lifter of my head. I will not be afraid. Thou O' Lord are a shield around me.

The Kingdom is Yours, the Power is Yours, and the Glory !



*The pictures I have chosen for this mailing are actual photos taken in Israel. Each one is amazingly beautiful and it is not difficult to see the creative hand of our Lord. This one is sunset in the Golan.*

*I have prayed about what to talk to you about this time. I am going to give you the next chapter of "The Gardener's Heir" at the end but first I want to mention a few things. The Lord has really impressed upon me the faithfulness of His Word. This may not be a revelation to you but I recently learned something that I had never seen in my spirit before  
now.*

Many of us are familiar with Isaiah 55:11 where the Lord speaks saying, "So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." It is a good standby scripture used by a lot of us.

But then we also have Titus Chapter One. "Paul a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect. And the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

Hebrews 6:18 says it is an immutable fact that God cannot lie. Again in Hebrews 2:2-3 it says: "For if the word (God's words) spoken by angels was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him." Jeremiah 1:12 says the Lord hastens His word to perform it.

All this just to give you this simple but profound revelation which has its first expression in Genesis...And God said !

Every word God speaks comes to pass. That's it. That is all. Look at it this way. God is not a man that He can lie. Every word He breathes must come to pass. He can't lie because His word will not return to Him void or empty. Every word is like a seed that bears fruit. Jesus said to the disciples "If you do not understand the parable of the sower how will you understand all other parables?" Brothers and sisters, life and death are in the power of the tongue. Those that love it will eat the fruit thereof. What is God's word to us who believe? When it comes from your mouth it will bear fruit. It is the truth and it will accomplish everything God intended for it to accomplish without fail. He expects you to use His word for the miracles you need. His Word is a gift to you and they are exceeding great and precious.



~ J. Ellen Wells ~

A personal message to you. Kathy, our hearts were knit together by the love of God when we were so young. He has never failed either one of us and He never will. Thank God for His wonderful gift of forgiveness! Hang in there baby!

Chuck, I received your message and have always admired your input. Thanks and God bless and strengthen you daily according to His mighty power!

Rose-El, you are the flower God created you to be. Everywhere you go there is the sweet fragrance of the Lord. He is a very present help in your time of need. I stand with you!

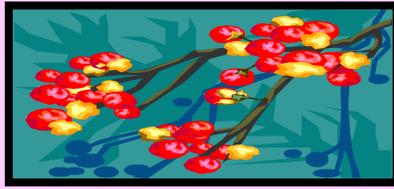
To the rest, you are loved more than you realize. May the Lord reveal the height and depth and length and breadth of the love of God and grant to you the revelation of the knowledge of Him ~

Don't forget to email...jewells218@gmail.com Also some have asked if it's ok to copy and send to others. Yep, it's okay. Or send email addresses to me and I will add them. ~

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## Chapter Four

### Making an Heir Plain

By now you may be wondering what happened to the garden? Remember it was planted by the Lord God. In the midst of the garden we have the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This is probably a good place to mention that God was very clear in His word when He explained about the “fruit of the trees yielding seed” and about all that “bring forth after their kind.” In these statements we have the principles of the garden of the Lord. In these statements we have the principles of life.

Haven't you ever heard that “you are what you eat?” Oh, how absolutely true this cliché is! What tree does each of us eat from? What fruit are we munching on? We must be careful because the fruit is yielding seed of its own kind. Are we indulging in something evil or are we making sure that our spiritual diets are full of the goodness of the Lord? In the midst of the Garden is the Tree of Life. The fruit of this Tree is Eternal Life. The way to this tree is protected and its fruit is reserved. Who is it reserved for? Actually, I could fast forward to the end of the book. Have you ever done that? I mean, have you ever read the beginning and the end first? Oh, I have, too many times to count. But let's take a peek anyway.

#### ***Revelation 22:1-3***

***And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on the other side of the river, was there the Tree of Life, which bare twelve manners of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him...***

This sounds like a pretty good ending to me. It sounds like a “garden.” But I still ask the same question as before. Who is it reserved for? I wanted to know the answer to my question. Indeed many of my questions needed answers. I thought about the beginning and I thought about the enemy's multiple endeavors to destroy the very seed of mankind. The Lord is faithful when we ask for understanding. It is a delight to Him that we desire to learn of Him. So, in my pursuit He sent me to Abraham. The very first mention of the word “heir” and the word “inherit” is found in a conversation between Abraham and God. It is an amazing conversation. I say this because it didn't happen out of the blue. The conversation took place because of Abraham's righteous actions and because of what he revealed from his heart when he spoke with the enemy. I believe the Lord God was rewarding Abraham's faith in Him. This is a very, very interesting story.

You will see what I mean. But, let's start at the beginning of this story.

After the great flood, Noah and his family multiplied and men once again filled the earth. Noah had three sons; Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham followed an evil path but Shem and Japheth followed the path of righteousness. Shem's children also multiplied and eventually became the ancestors of Abraham. The scriptures in **Genesis 10:21** says it this way: ***Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born.*** The reason I mention this is to share a piece of trivia. The name Eber is where the name *Hebrew* comes from. Shem's great-grandson was named Eber. From Eber's lineage came a man named Terah. Terah the Hebrew.

Terah had three sons. The oldest was Abram, then Nahor, and last Haran. It is recorded that Haran had children. One of them was named Lot. It came to pass that Haran died. So Terah gathered his family and they went to live in a place called Ur of the Chaldees. They were on their way to the land of Canaan but they stopped in the town named after his son. It was called Haran. This is where Terah died. Now Abram (the Hebrew) became the head of the family. But then, the Lord spoke to Abram.

### ***Genesis 12:1-3***

***Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.***

So, Abram departed as the Lord told him and Lot went with him. Some bible commentators say Abram was disobedient to take Lot since he was told to leave his kindred. I don't see it that way. Lot was under Abram's care once his father, Haran, and his grand-father, Terah, had both died. I also see that Lot has played an important part in history both then and now. But let's go on.

Abram went onward toward the land of Canaan with great substance and several things happened along the way. He prospered a great deal and many went with him. Lot also continued on with Abram and Lot prospered as well until they had so much that "***the land was not able to bear them.***"

They both had herds, and flocks, and tents. And, because "***their substance was great, they could not dwell together***" (**Genesis 13:6**). Strife erupted between Lot's herdsmen and Abram's herdsman so that something had to be done about the situation. In what happens next, we see a new dividing take place. Abram suggests they separate and go their own ways. This is an interesting event because we will see in what way they are spiritually different.

Listen to the words of Abram in *Genesis 13:8-9*

***And Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen, for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, I will go right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go left.***

The most important thing to Abram was maintaining the peace between them. It was the reason for the necessary separation. It is impossible for peace and strife to dwell together. It is impossible for light and darkness to dwell together. This is because of the truth found in *Romans 8:5-8*.

***For they that are of the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God.***

Abram was on a journey that was directed by the Lord. Lot was not directed by the Lord or following after God. Therefore, Abram gave Lot the privilege of choosing his own path. How so much like the Lord Abram was. The next verse and subsequent verses reveal something that we also struggle with on a daily basis in our walk with the Lord.

***Genesis 13:10-11***

***And Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where...even as the garden of the Lord. And Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves one from the other.***

I hate to say it but, this is a repeat of the Garden of Eden and a repeat of the discourse between Eve and the serpent. Let's just look at it again because it happened to Lot and it is once again...subtle.

***Genesis 3:4-7***

***And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God does know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your "eyes" shall be opened and you shall be as gods knowing good and evil. And when the woman "saw" that the tree was good for food, and that it was "pleasant to the eyes", and a tree "to be desired" to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her and he did eat. And "the eyes" of them both were opened (emphasis mine).***

I hope you can see the correlation between the lust of Lot's eyes and the lust of the eyes of Adam and Eve in the garden. In Lot's case it even says that what he beheld was to him as the "garden of the Lord." He wanted what he saw with his natural eyes. He chose. And of all things it goes on to say that he "***pitched his tent toward Sodom.***"

So what does that mean? The Jewish Chabad (Torah Teachings) explains that Lot put a great distance between his uncle (Abram) and himself because he did not care about the Ancient of Days nor did he care about Abram. It also tells us that Lot was well aware of the sinfulness of Sodom but he was driven by the lust of his eyes.

### ***Genesis 13:13***

***But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.***

Please take notice that two 13's represent two words in this scripture: wicked and sinners. (Number in Scripture by E.W. Bullinger)

Sodom already had a reputation in the land. Lot made a conscious choice to "pitch his tent toward Sodom." But what do we see happening to Abram? Well, just look at the very next line of scripture...

### ***Genesis 13:14***

***And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot had separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes and look from the place where thou art...***

Have you noticed it? The Lord spoke to Abram when? After that Lot had separated from Him! Then it happened that the Lord said to Abram...***now lift up thine eyes!*** So we see that once a hindering force is removed from the scene we are then in a position to hear from the Lord and to see as He directs.

You may be wondering what this has to do with the heir. What is the connection? Here is a key. Where ever you see the mention of the heir you will see the dividing of light from darkness first.

Continuing on, the Lord promises Abram all the land as far as he can see. And then the Lord adds "***and to thy seed forever***" (***Genesis 13:15***).

But, as I know you remember, Abram does not have any children of his own. The closest to that description was Lot who is now separated from Abram's household. Surely this was on Abram's mind when the Lord mentioned for the first time "and thy seed forever." The Lord completes the thought by saying, "***And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that no man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed be numbered.***"

So Abram proceeded to walk through the land as the Lord had told him. He finally came to dwell in the plain of Mamre which is in Hebron and that is where he stayed. Mamre was an Amorite and he had two brothers. They were in league with Abram as he dwelt there. Time passed and kings and kingdoms became established throughout the land round about. Eventually, there was considerable talk that was full of discontent and war.

These are the kings that occupied the surrounding lands:

- 1) Amraphel king of Shinar
- 2) Arioch king of Ellasar
- 3) Chedorlaomer king of Elam
- 4) Tidal king of nations

These kings decided to go to war against the kingdoms that had served Chedorlaomer for twelve years but rebelled against him in the thirteenth year. The rebelling kings were:

- 1) Bera king of Sodom
- 2) Birsha king of Gomorrah
- 3) Shinab king of Admah
- 4) Shemeber king of Zeboiim
- 5) King of Bela (Zoar)

All of these came together to a battle in the fourteenth year. Chedorlaomer and the kings with him also fought against the giants that dwelt in the land.

They fought "***and smote the Rephaims, the Zuzims, and the Emims***" (Genesis 14:5).  
***They smote all the country of the Amalekites and the Amorites***" (Genesis 14:7).

Then the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah came out to fight against them but the Valley of Siddim was full of slime pits and the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah began to fall and the ones that remained fled to the mountains. So Chedorlaomer along with the other kings took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their provisions. Along with all that, they captured Abram's nephew Lot and his entire household because they lived in Sodom.

When Abram learned of this, he armed his servants whom he had trained. There were only three hundred and eighteen of them but they pursued Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him and slew them in the king's dale. Abram and his servants saved Lot and his family and recaptured all the goods of Sodom including the men and women.

Then the priest of the Most High God came to Abram with bread and wine. His name was Melchizedek, king of Salem. He blessed Abram and he blessed the Most High God. I hope you are not bored with this story because from here it becomes even more interesting.

Abram gave Melchizedek *tithes of all (Genesis 14:20)*. When I examined this a little deeper, I found that Abram did not tithe from the goods he had just captured. Instead he tithed from all the substance that he already personally owned. I suppose you are wondering how I got that. Frankly, I was afraid you would ask. But I will tell you. It is actually pretty clear from the next scriptures although I did research it more thoroughly through the Hebrew manuscript translation. Once again I went to the manuscript that is translated by Hebrew scholars. Chabad Torah translation tells us that Abram gave to the priest of God because he honored his position before God. In addition, the word "all" as in "he gave tithe of all" indicates all that he possessed. When we look at the continuing scriptures we see that Abram did not want any of what he had captured even though it was offered to him. So what did he tithe? He tithed from his own personal abundance.

So we see how Abram handled this conference with the priest of the Most High God. But then there was another encounter with someone and it followed right on the heels of Abram meeting with Melchizedek and just who do you think it might be? Ah, the king of Sodom? Your right!

#### ***Genesis 14:21***

***And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons and take the goods to thyself.***

Now that is quite a good offer but Abram refused. And in the next verse he tells that serpent (my translation) exactly why but he adds a few choice words.

#### ***Genesis 14:22-23***

***And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up mine hand (in oath) unto the Lord, the Most High God, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoe latchet, and that I will not take anything that is thine, lest thou should say, I have made Abram rich.***

Wow! I don't know about you but I find this scripture amazing. First of all a person would have to be blind to not see the enemy trying to tempt Abram. But more than that, Abram was on his toes! Okay, I'm laughing because it suddenly popped into my head that the promise in the garden was that the Seed would bruise the enemy's head and the enemy would only bruise His heel. So here we have an example. Abram was definitely on his toes and stepping on someone's head!

This story is almost at the end but not quite, because God Most High, the Lord, possessor of heaven and earth was watching and listening, as He has been known to do. We see how the Lord lovingly responds to Abram in the next passages. He speaks to everything Abram must have thought and to all he did.

### ***Genesis 15:1-3***

***After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.***

***And Abram said, Lord God, what will thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house (instead of a son) is this Eliezer of Damascus?***

***And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed, and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.***

This is the very first mention of the word "heir." This is what he has been waiting for. It is the long anticipated word of the Lord that speaks forth the promise of the "Heir." And, Abram is concerned about this.

***Heir*** – Strong's #3423 – Hebrew – to occupy or possess by taking the place of, to get possession, seize upon, succeed, inherit

### ***Genesis 15: 4***

***And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir, but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.***

Here we have the word "heir" given to Abram twice with the contrasting "but" placed perfectly in between. We saw this once before when we spoke of Cain and Abel. It was used to show the contrast and so it holds true here also.

### ***Genesis 15:5***

***And He brought him forth abroad and said, look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and He said unto him, so shall thy seed be.***

All of this taken together was something special that took place between Abram and the Lord God of heaven and earth. For Abram, it started back in Haran when God called him and promised to bless him. This is where Abram first believed and then acted in obedience by leaving his own land behind. Abram took hold of the promise. This passage of scripture is also full of “first mentions” in the word of God. It is the first mention of the words: shield, exceeding, great, and reward. All of these are part of the inheritance of the Lord and worthy of study.

**Hebrews 11:8**

***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.***

We see through the scriptures that Abram did nothing without the guidance of God. He discerned the difference between the good and the evil and he was on guard. Abram was a sensitive man. I feel this in my spirit when I read about him. He had a heart that was responsive toward God. So we see that once Lot separated from the family, Abram began to hear the Lord again. The most astonishing part to me is the end of the battle. Abram is approached by the priest and receives a blessing. Then along comes the enemy and tries to steal that blessing straight away. It is just as our Lord Jesus describes in the parable of the sower in Matthew Chapter Thirteen. The ***“wicked one” comes and tries to snatch away the word (seed) that is sown in the heart.***

But, praise be to God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth! Abram knew that his blessings came from the God of promise. Abram had God’s personal oath and he would not give the enemy any reason to say that he had made Abram rich. Because Abram was steadfast in his faith toward God, the Lord spoke with him at length and said some of the most amazing things to him. Because Abram refused the reward of the wicked king of Sodom, ***the Lord became “his shield and his exceeding great reward.”*** Praise God!

The Lord went even further. Because of faith, He chose Abram to one day be the father of a multitude. His heir would be the heir of the promise. It was a “continuation” of the same promise given in the garden. The Seed would be heir and Abram would pass this promise on to all his “children of faith” because now, God was ***making an Heir plain*** for all to see.

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***For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise...For you are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus...And if ye be Christ’s, then are you Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:18, 26, 29).*** \*\*\*\*\*

