

SEEING JESUS

Greatness

I. Jesus had greatness in his genes

A. Matthew 1:1-15-This is telling you the lineage from which Jesus came

1. To find out who somebody is, it helps to know where they came from

B. Isaiah 51:1-3-We are told in scripture to look unto the rock from whence we came

1. Whatever you see in your lineage you are much more likely to take ownership of
2. Done through the lineage THE BLESSING of Abraham was working-Proverbs 10:22
 - a. It is the empowerment to prosper in spite of your circumstances-Jeremiah 17:7
3. Abraham
 - a. Genesis 12:1-4-He left his hometown and family and moved in faith and God made him very rich in silver, in cattle, and in gold
 - b. Genesis 14:14-When Lot was taken captive Abraham and 318 of his trained servants pursued the greatest military force in that day and defeated them
 - c. Genesis 14:20-Abraham tithed because he loved God
 - d. Romans 4:16-21-Abraham stood in faith for 25 years and had a son at 100 with a 90-year old barren wife
 - e. Genesis 22-He offered that very son to sacrifice believing that God would just have to raise him from the dead because he loved God
4. Isaac
 - a. Genesis 26-There was a famine in the land and rather than go to Egypt and rely on them he stayed in Gerar like God said and trusted God
 - b. Genesis 26:12-He sowed in that time of famine and reaped a hundred fold; God made him very rich so much so that King Abimelech asked him to leave because Isaac was too rich
 - c. Genesis 26-He wouldn't allow strife at the wells
5. Jacob
 - a. Genesis 28:4-The blessing of Abraham was on his life
 - b. Genesis 28:22-Jacob was a tither
 - c. Genesis 30:27-The Lord made Laban rich because Jacob was there
 - d. Genesis 30:32-God changed the DNA of animals
 - e. Genesis 30:43-Jacob became exceedingly rich
 - f. Genesis 31:38-42-He's a man of character and God was with him
 - g. Genesis 32:14-He sowed all this to Esau & it didn't even put a dent in what he had
6. Boaz

- a. Ruth 2:1-Was a mighty man of wealth
 - b. Ruth 2-He was a kind man
 - c. Ruth 3-He was an honest man
- 7. Ruth
 - a. Ruth 1:16-Ruth wouldn't leave her mother-in-law
 - b. Ruth 2:2-Ruth went to work
 - c. Ruth 3:11-Ruth was a woman of character and everybody in town new it
- 8. David
 - a. 1 Samuel 17-He was a champion of faith
 - b. 1 Samuel 13:14-He was a man after God's own heart
 - c. 1 Chronicles 22:14, 29:3-He prepared billions of dollars to build the Temple
- 9. Solomon
 - a. 1 Kings 3:5-13-Solomon asked for wisdom-Man of character
 - b. 1 Kings 10:24-Solomon was the richest King in the Earth and the most wise
 - c. Solomon lead the building of the temple of the Lord
- 10. Jehoshaphat
 - a. King of Judah when he was 35. He had high character and was one of the best and most prosperous Kings of Judah, the greatest since Solomon. He was a zealous follower of the commandments of God.
 - b. 2 Chronicles 20-He was under great attack and led the people to seek the Lord, got direction to send praisers to the front and the Lord worked a great miracle
- 11. Hezekiah
 - a. One of the three most perfect kings of Judah. He destroyed idolatry type things that God's people worshipped. He led the people to repent. He attacked the Philistines and in a series of victories rewon cities that his Father had lost and dispossessed the Philistines. He humbled himself before the Lord and God made him exceedingly rich. - 2 Chronicles 32:26
- C. We too are the seed of Abraham and in this lineage-Gal 3:29
 - 1. You have greatness in your family

II. The blessing of Abraham that's on Jesus is drawing blessings to Him

- A. The moment he was born he had rich guys looking to bless Him
- B. If these men are wise, they must be rich because wisdom and riches are connected throughout the scripture-Proverbs 3:16, 8:18
 - 1. The gifts were money and money's worth
 - 2. Gold was indicative of wealth and prosperity in Biblical times
 - 3. This was provision sent to deliver them out of their poor condition

- C. The wise men's homage to Jesus reflects Biblical language alluding to the pilgrimage and homage of nations to kings in Psalm 72, Isaiah 60:6, 1 Kings 10
 - 1. In the eastern nations to do homage to their kings, they brought presents; They offered Jesus both homage & standard gifts and this from Eastern practices
 - a. Royal courts used frankincense and myrrh so that brought those things to a King
 - b. Psalm 45:7-8-Myrrh was for kings
 - 2. They never brought a little bit when they did homage to their kings
 - a. 1 Kings 10:1-13-Queen of Sheba visiting King Solomon
 - b. Psalm 72:10,15-This is the subjection of kings to Jesus
 - c. Isaiah 60:6-They brought abundance; they offered him gifts that befit a King
- D. From the moment you get born again you got rich people looking to bless you just like Jesus (The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
 - 1. Revelation 1:6-You are a king and a priest unto God
 - 2. The blessing of Abraham is on you and it's ready to do the same things in your life

III. Our master's presence put fear on hell

- A. The moment Jesus was born in rich guys looking to bless Him and wicked guy looking to kill him; it's the same for us-John 10:10
- B. Herod is trying to kill him in fear of Him; Satan tries to destroy you in fear of you
 - 1. Herod is troubled and afraid and killing babies cause he's working for the devil and the thought of this one coming who was going to bruise his head scared Satan to no end-Genesis 3:10
 - 2. God is love and Satan is fear himself-1 John 4:18
 - a. Satan's nature is to take his tail and run
- C. Jesus very presence stirred fear in the heart of the enemy-Matthew 8:29, Mark 5:7
 - 1. Devils, demons, and evil spirits tremble at Jesus' very presence
 - a. Up until this point everybody was afraid of them, but when Jesus showed up that was reversed by his very presence and now the fear that was on the people is upon this demonic spirit
 - b. The nature of every demon is the same and therefore their response to Jesus is the same across the board
 - 2. Satan has a sense of inferiority in the presence of the anointing because he has no answer for it-Acts 10:38, 1 John 4:1-4
 - a. The devil fears sons of God because he knows inside of them there is power to stop the works of the kingdom of darkness in their tracks-Acts 2:1-4
 - b. It's foolish to fear an enemy who is inferior to you
 - 3. Jesus had no sense of inferiority no matter what he faced because he had a revelation and it was he that sent me is with me and he has not left me alone-John 8:29,16,16:32

- a. 2 Corinthians 5:20, Hebrews 13:8
- D. Deuteronomy 28:7,10, Exodus 23:37, James 4:7-Fear was made to fit Satan
 - 1. 1 Peter 5:9-Faith, perseverance, and obedience puts fear in the devil