

GRACE AND FATIH

What Did Abraham Find?

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: Those who don't discover the system of grace and faith will be stifled in receiving from God

I. Abraham found that what He receives from God doesn't come by works-Rom 4:1-13

- A. 3-He found that it came by faith
 - 1. 4-He found that what he worked for could not be given to him by grace
 - a. You have to stop working for it
 - 2. 5-He found that not working for it is how you receive it
- B. 6-12-This righteousness given to Abraham by grace without works, but not without work
 - 1. 6-In exchange for a man's faith God made a man righteous by grace
 - 2. 9-Faith for righteousness exchange
 - 3. 10-He got it being uncircumcised because faith was the issue
- C. 13-This promise came through the right-standing he had with God as a result of His faith
 - 1. Promises from God don't come until u get in right-standing w/God; it was by grace

II. We got to be very cautious that we don't turn faith into works because it will make faith void and the word of none effect

- A. 14-The law (works & wages) makes faith void (useless, no effect) and the promise of none effect (inactive, in operative, void of influence and power)
 - 1. Why? You don't need to believe because you're going to work your way into it
 - 2. Why? You don't need the promise (Word) b/c you're going to earn what you get
 - 3. When you start working for it everything else stops working
 - 4. 15-Works and wage works wrath b/c it's based on what you deserve
- B. We need to understand that "my believing merits /earns me nothing."
- C. I have right to it b/c of Jesus' doing, not b/c of my believing
 - 1. My believing gives me access to it, not right to it
 - a. EX: A key doesn't give you right to a hotel room, your money does; they key simply gives you access to what is rightfully yours
 - 1) Just b/c someone has a key to it, does me they have right to it
 - b. Your faith gives you access his grace gives you right
 - 2. What you do does not give you any more right to it
 - a. You had as much right to when you weren't praying and standing as you do now that you are praying and standing

- b. The praying and standing appropriates the rights
- 3. If I don't believe then I won't see the rights that I have appropriated in my life
 - a. We've thought the believing somehow gave us more right, when it was designed to appropriate the right
- 4. When you believe you have a right to it b/c of your believing that's self-righteousness
 - a. The next thing that will show up is bitterness, unthankfulness, anger, discouragement
- D. My sense of "entitlement" to have it comes as result of what he did, not what I do
 - 1. U need entitlement & ownership b/c u won't fight for what u don't believe is yours
 - a. I have rights in the Kingdom, but they're grace rights given to me by grace based on what Jesus did
 - 2. When my boldness about these rights stems from what he did it's faith
 - 3. When my boldness about these rights stems from what I do it's pride
- E. The moment you believe that you should have it based on what you've done it can't be given to you by grace
 - 1. "I should have it b/c I prayed, confessed, tithed and stood" – Works
 - 2. "I should have it b/c he bled, he died, and he rose again" – Faith
- F. My faith is in what he did and said, not in what I do and any faith I have in what I do I have b/c trust the one who told me to do it
 - 1. I have faith in the principles because I have faith in the person
 - 2. Don't get so consumed with the principles that you forget the person
 - a. Get consumed with the person & you'll be committed to the principles
 - 3. When you do this you're believing, praying, and standing will stay pure
 - a. "It's not working" is clear evidence that you're more consumed with it, than you are with Him
 - b. "It" has to work otherwise the "He" that told about the "It" lied
 - 4. Faith in an "IT" doesn't work because an "IT" can't speak to you
 - a. Faith in an "IT" can't stand alone; it has to be traced back to person who produce the "IT"
 - b. You're trying to have faith in "IT" w/o having faith in "HIM" that produced the IT

III. This is what Abraham found-He found the exchange of grace and faith

- A. 16-He found the promise is by grace through faith
 - 1. When you come into the Kingdom of God everything is free
 - a. If everything is free in the Kingdom, then we need to become proficient at receiving it, not working for it
 - 2. Luke 15:12-32
 - a. 25-Notice the older brother is working
 - b. 29-He starts listing His works

- c. 31-Son everything I have is yours, just take what you need
- B. 17-21-He found that if I just do my job and stay in faith there is no power in existence that can stop this exchange
 - 1. 17-(AMP)-He called things that be no as though they were-He took it
 - 2. 18-(AMP)-He expected the manifestation in faith with no reason to do so
 - 3. 18-According to that which was spoken-That word was abiding in him
 - 4. 19-He didn't give His attention to the wrong words, bad reports
 - 5. 20-He didn't waver about this promise
 - 6. 20-He thanked God like it was done
 - 7. 21-He got fully persuaded

IV. You got to discover the system of grace and faith

- A. Recognize that God is your source and come/look to Him
 - 1. Hebrews 4:16-You find grace at the throne of Grace from the God of grace
 - 2. Is 30:2-They weren't looking to God & that's why they weren't receiving from God
 - 3. James 4:2-Some people don't have it from God b/c they didn't go to him for it
- B. You Must believe God is-Hebrews 11:6
 - 1. God is to u whatever u believe He **IS** & what u don't believe He **IS** He can't be to u
 - a. Mark 6:3-5-In Jesus' hometown they didn't believe He was so the them he wasn't
 - 2. Whatever area of life you're wanting to receive from God, you have to introduce yourself to the God of that area and develop faith that He is
 - a. You can't receive something from a person who you don't believe does the thing you want to receive (Ex: You have to believe the mechanic IS)
 - 3. The enemy is always trying to distort your image of who God really is, because what you don't believe God is, He will never be to you
- C. You must believe God can or that His power is enough-Romans 4:20, Gen 18:14
 - 1. What is impossible to you, will be impossible for you
- D. God wants you to have it; discover His will-1 John 5:15, Ephesians 5:17, Col 1:9
 - 1. You got to get stirred up about "God wants me RICH, HEALED, etc."
- E. Jesus paid for it, God is offering it to you as a free gift
 - 1. The work is done, the price has been paid, only believe
 - 2. If you believe it's being offered to you, you won't aks for it
- F. You take it by faith and believe you have it-Mark 11:24
 - 1. You don't have to ask God to do it if you believe you receive He'll cause it to come forth; If you'll believe you receive strength He'll make you strong so don't ask Him to make you strong, believe you receive strength

G. You don't let go until it manifests-Hebrews 6:12, Luke 8:15

H. One of the enemies main tricks is to try to put the pressure of manifestation on the believer, when in reality the believers only job is to believe