

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

Friendship with God

Romans 5:1

(1) Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

We learned last week that the middle east used a term for Abram that mean “**friend of God**” they also shortened it to **El Khalil** meaning “the friend” Today through the finished work of Jesus we have the means to become more than just friends, we become “sons of God” certainly friends but not through any doing of our own. It wasn’t through any of Abram’s doing either. This backwards, poly-theistic worshipping, superstitious man had only to receive the free gift of God’s love, and friendship as do we receive the same being “justified with faith” and have “peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Did Abram have it easier that we do as Christians in believing?

Let’s summarize how friendship with God works.

1. **God’s Friendship calms our fears and understands our questions.**
Genesis 15:1 "**Do not be afraid, Abram.** I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."
2. **God, as our friend, knows when to bless us and when to delay.**
His timing via His foreknowledge is perfect.

We, on the other hand, are impatient and short sighted Make no mistake, God wants to bless us but to do so at the wrong time will do us more harm than good. God will not “spoil” us.

3. **God as our Friend wants us to trust him.**

Just look at the lyrics to the great hymn we sing:
“When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
Let us do His good will;
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey”.

And this passage in

Proverbs 3:5-8

(5) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
(6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.
(7) Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.
(8) It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

4. **God as our friend wants us to live without fear.**

One of the ways he did this with Abram was to tell him the truth about the future regarding the 400

years of captivity and the great reward that would follow. He also tells us the great truth of the pain and suffering for His Son Jesus and the great reward that follows for us, Eternal Life.

5. **God as our friend has plans for our good, not for our destruction.**

In His Omniscience He knows our past, present and our future and he has planned things out for us. He certainly has not set us up to fail or planned to hurt us but He is our help.

Deuteronomy 6:24 And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, **for our good** always, that He might preserve us alive, as *it is* this day.

Next Week:

Read: Genesis 16
Running Ahead of God



John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.