

God Wants Jesus

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The Lord promised Abram that he would produce a son, Isaac. What is given to us by promise can become a burden unto us. We can begin to feel pressure to "make it come to pass." When this begins to happen, then we begin to check our own strength and ability. This increases our anxiety for we see our inability to bring it about. This is what began to happen with Abram. It is the main reason why Hagar became a consideration. The older Abram got, the more he realized that he unable in his own strength to produce what God was expecting. But the Lord never leaves us to be frustrated by our own limited ability. In fact, it was not Him who put us under such pressure. What He expected from Abram, He fully intended to bring about apart from any effort on his part.

We need to realize and face that much of what we think God is "putting on us" is not coming from Him but is our own weights that we have placed upon ourselves. God told Abram what would happen and always had the plan that would bring it about with out the old patriarch's help. No one told Abram to be concerned or to seek to bring about what God promised to him. Once we have realized that this way of proceeding is God's New Covenant method, then we should agree with it and line our lives up to it.

However, once we have begun to walk in covenant with God in this way, then He must come to us and test it. There are two basic tests. The first test involves God not bringing about instantly what He said He would do. This test involves testing our patience and faith in the promises of God though unseen at the time. The next test takes place long after you have passed the first test and have received the promise.

Initially, God produced Isaac, but there afterward came a time when Abraham faced a different kind of test. God, who had given him a son, now required Abraham to offer that son back to Him. This is found in Genesis chapter 22. By this time, Abraham had seen how God brought about His promises, even when Abraham totally missed God. He found God trustworthy even when he was not. Abraham proceeded to the place where God wanted the offering to take place.

Never forget this: whatever God brings into your life remains His. What is the main thing that God has given to His church? The Lord is saying to us all, "All I want from you is that which I have given you, Jesus." He does not want fleshly efforts, carnal means, human hopes and aspirations. We are to minister to others that which we have been given -- Jesus. Simply give them Jesus. Let's not minister out of our own opinions or selfish motives. God gave Abraham Isaac and He wanted him back. Remember, what the Lord has given you will be required of you. Be prepared to give Jesus to those around you. God gave Him to us so that we can give Him to others! ***