

***To Obey The Lord Is
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Book of Genesis again, the 22nd chapter, beginning with the 15th verse, and we expect now just to speak for a few moments and start the service. Genesis 22, beginning with the 15th verse.

And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sands which are upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gates of his enemy;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be

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blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.



2 What a promise, because
of obedience! **Obedience is**

what God wants. It was once said, “Obedience is better than sacrifice.” To obey the Lord is better than any sacrifice that you could do.

3 We’re facing now a grand text, tonight, *The Patriarch Abraham*, which was called “the father of the Faith,” because that God made him the promise to inherit the earth, and his Seed. And it’s through Abraham we, being dead in Christ, become

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Abraham's Seed and are heirs
with Him according to the
promise.

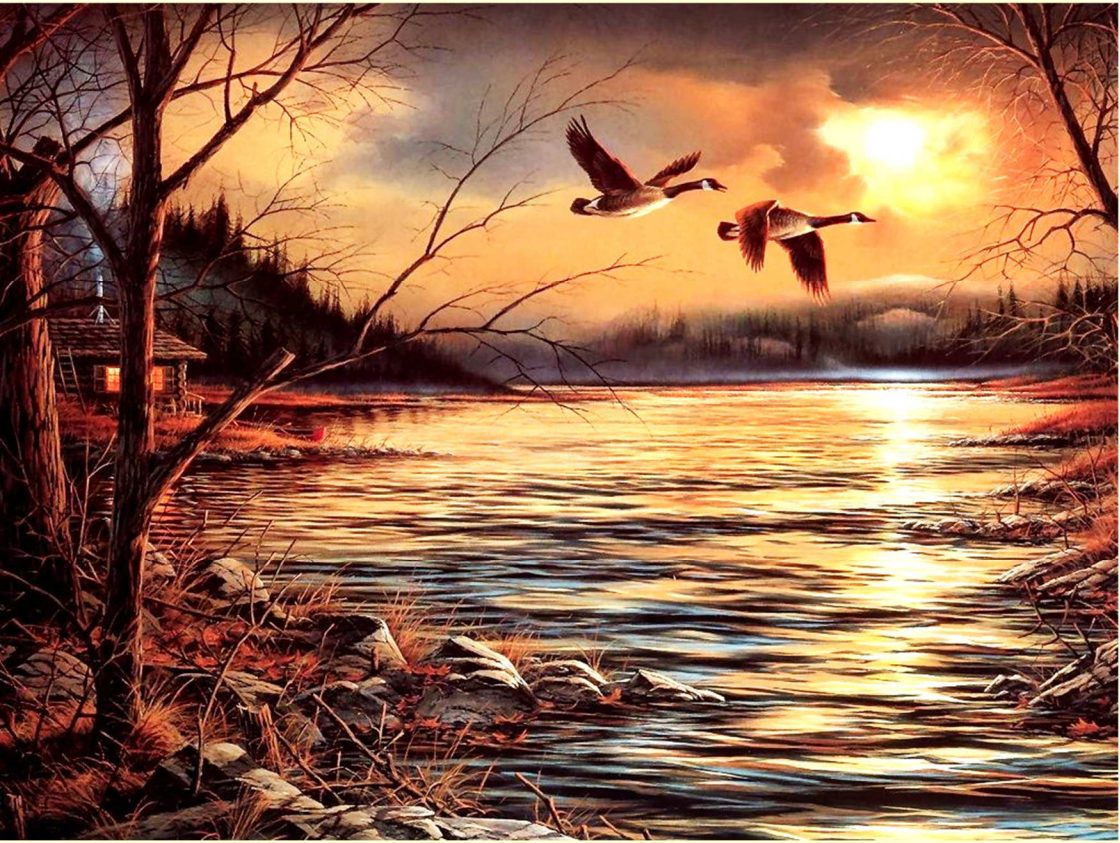


4 Now, Abraham was just
an ordinary man, wasn't

something special. God never called him, as far as we have any record, until he was seventy-five years old. His wife, which was his half sister, being sixty-five years old at the time, they had probably lived together since they were very young. And she was barren, and had no children. God called a complete separation, to separate himself from the rest of the world, and from all of his people, and from all of his

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kindred. There was a special thing for him to do.



5 And when God expects you to do a special thing, He demands a complete

separation from any doubt. You've got to come to full obedience, to obey what He says. God demands it. You can't do it no other way.

And, now, He always sets an example, and that was His example, of a complete separation from all of his family, all of his kindreds, and so forth, to walk a life separated to God.

6 Years passed, nothing happened, but still Abraham held on. He was not

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discouraged. “He never staggered at the promises of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God.”



7 Year by year, as it went by, no doubt many critics come by and said, “Abraham, father of nations, how many children do you have now?” That didn’t stagger him. No child, and Sarah was past the time of life, of bearing children, course, way beyond menopause, but still Abraham believed God just the same. He made preparations for the baby, because he knew and was fully persuaded that God could not make a promise that

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He wasn't big enough to back up.



8 His Seed should think the same thing. **Regardless of how unreal it seems, how**

unnatural it seems to the natural mind, yet God cannot make a promise that He is not big enough to take care of. We believe that same thing today. Every true Seed of Abraham believes the same thing. No matter what circumstances in, how much knowledge we've accumulated, how many things has happened, how unnatural it is to the natural mind, how foolish it is, rather, to the natural

**mind, it doesn't make a bit
of difference. If God said so,
that's it. And the Seed of
Abraham are settled upon
THUS SAITH THE LORD.
That settles it.**



9 We find out, at twenty-five years later, no children. And still God was faithful to keep His promise to Abraham, for Abraham believed God. The little boy came on the scene, little Isaac.

10 Then after little Isaac had come on the scene, then we find out that God gave him a double test. He said, “This child...” After being now about a hundred and fifteen years old, or twenty, Abraham was. He said, “I want you to take

this, your only son, and take him up to the mountain that I will show you, and there offer him up, on this mountain, for a sacrifice.” In other words, destroy every evidence that he had that the promise would be fulfilled. That’s taking away all the natural things.

11 And Abraham said, “I received him as one from the dead. And I’m fully persuaded that He is able to raise him up from the dead.”



12 That's the people now
the Seed of Abraham,
because He raised us from
the dead. We were dead in sin
and trespasses. And He Who
was able to change my mind,
change my thoughts, change
my nature, change me all

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over, He can do as He pleases. Whatever He says, I believe it's the Truth, and every Seed of Abraham believes the same thing.



13 Abraham, not disobedient to God, taken the little boy. And on this morning, told the servants, “You wait here with the mules. And the son and I will go yonder to worship, and he and I will return.” Oh, how is he going to do it? When he goes up to the top of the mountain, to take his own son’s life, yet he says, “The child, the lad and I will return.” He knowed that something had to happen. And he didn’t know just how

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God was going to do it; that isn't his question. He knows that God promised it.



14 That's all we care to know, God promised it! How is it going to be? I can't tell you. But God said so! He will send Jesus Christ, the second time, He will come in a physical form. He will claim His Own. There will be one thousand years, millennium reign upon this earth, with Him, with the redeemed. That's what He promised, and we are looking for that hour to approach.



15 He promised to heal the sick, to raise the dead, to cast

out devils. He promised to do it. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. How? I don't know. He promised to do it! We believe it; that settles it. When a man believes God, he believes all He says.

16 And that's the way Abraham believed God. Now was asked to destroy every evidence that His promise would be taken care of, but he was persuaded that God could do it.



17 Now, not only did He give this great promise, He give it to his Seed, also. And because Abraham was faithful, and kept the—the Word of God that God promised him, and knowed that God could raise up this

child. And he spared not his own child; but (God) was a type of God giving His Son, of course; as he packed the wood up the mountain, and so forth; as Christ later packed His Own sacrifice block, up the hill, to where He was crucified.

18 We realize that in this, in doing this, it pleased God so well to see that Abraham loved Him above everything on earth, even his only son. He loved Him above what

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**anybody could say,
anybody could do, he still
loved God enough to
believe His Word.**



**19 All Abraham's Seed
believes God like that. They**

are believing God. And we know that it pleased God so well that here is what He said, “Thy Seed shall possess the gates of its enemy. Thy Seed shall possess the gates of its enemy.” Remember, that’s **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** Abraham’s Seed believes that. If you are genuine Seed of Abraham, the faith that Abraham had in God, it’s in you. And you believe,

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that what God has said, God keeps His promise.



20 And He said it, now remember, He only made this promise to Abraham after He had give him a test.

The Seed of Abraham must first be tested, to see if they really believe the Word. Remember, the only way that he could keep the promise of God, because he believed the promise of God, and was tested whether he believed It or not.

21 We are brought to that test. The Seed of Abraham, today, is brought to that test. Will we take God's Word, or we take what man

said about It? Will we take what some organization has made up as a creed, and accept that, or do we take what God said? If God's Word is true, we believe God's Word, regardless of what anything else is. We let every man's word be a lie, and God's be the Truth. The true Seed of Abraham! But before you can become that true Seed, you've got to go through the test, like Abraham did, himself. He

**promised not only to
Abraham, but his Seed
would possess the enemies'
gates. Oh, my!**



22 Just think, the patriarch was fully persuaded in it, in his test of the promise of the Word of God, was right. Regardless of what the circumstances was, he still believed the Word was right. The Abraham, the great patriarch, never wavered in faith, when he was brought to that testing time. He believed that God was able to raise him up from the dead. He believed it, because God made the promise. And when God made

a promise that he would be “the father of nations,” and he believed that that was so. He didn’t know how it would be. When the baby come, after he had trusted, twenty-five years, then asked to destroy the baby, he still knew that God’s promise was true, and he gave his son.

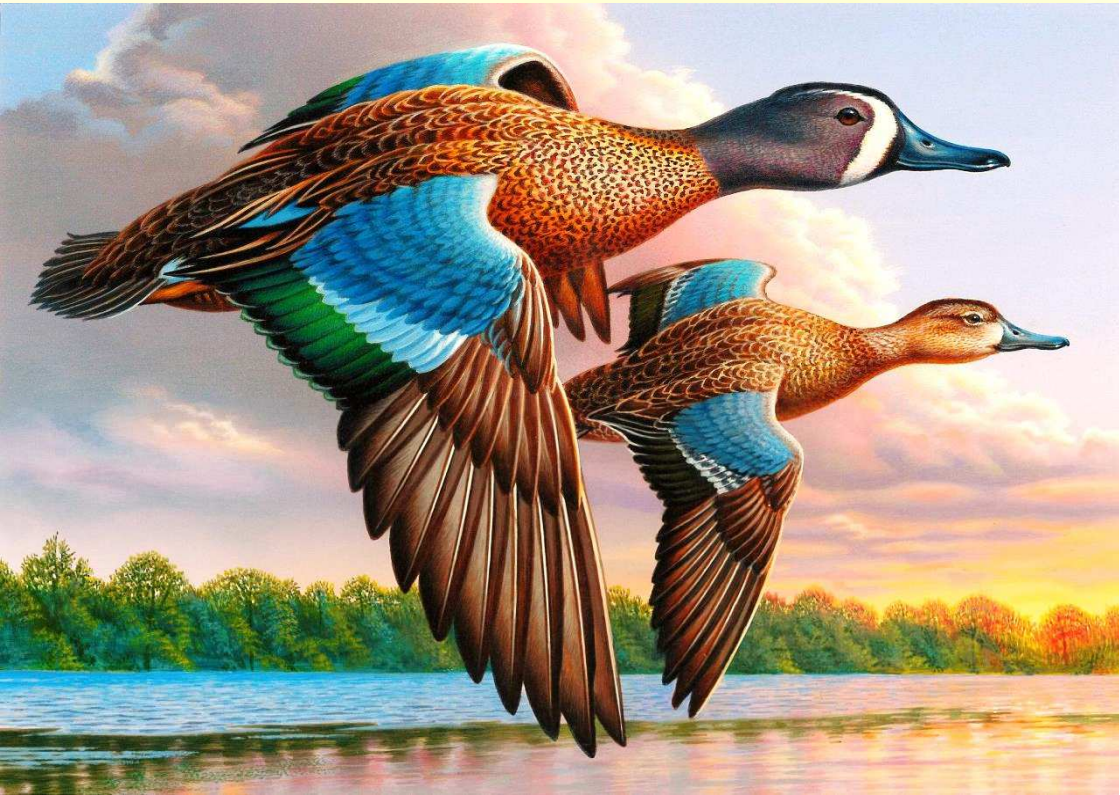
23 His Seed, the same thing! The promise of God is the seal, to those who are the Seed of Abraham. The promise is a seal, a signed

witness. And when we believe every promised Word, then the seal is given to us, to confirm the promise by. See, if we—if we, being the Seed of Abraham, we go through the test whether we're going to believe the Bible, or not. The Bible is the Word of God, because It is God. And then after you've went through the test, to believe.

24 When some of them says, "The days of miracles is

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passed.” If you accept that,
that’s contrary to the Word.



25 If you say, “You do not
receive the Holy Ghost, today.
There is no such a thing. Just

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the twelve apostles received
It.”



26 The Word said, Peter
preaching It on the Day of
Pentecost, he said, “Repent,

every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

27 That's just exactly what It means. It's, now if you are ready to take the test, of God's acid test, and follow that prescription, I'm telling you, you will find out that God

keeps His Word, if you'll believe It. That's right. But you've got to go through that, because that's the seal; when you can receive It, then you will receive the promise. Because, It's God's prescription, the way we should do it, and that's the way we've got to follow It, just what He said. Now not just to some, but "whosoever," whosoever believeth, whosoever repenteth, whosoever believeth. It's to all

generations, to all peoples,
whosoever wants to believe It.
And faith in God's Word
brings you to this promise.
Then, and then only, can you
have power to possess the
seal of the promise.



28 And the promise that we receive, the seal, is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That's right. For that is God in form of Spirit, you being His Word in you, then He comes in. If you receive the Word in you, the Holy Spirit is the only thing that can make That live, and then you have the promise of possessing the gate of every enemy that tries to attack you. That's right. God promised it, and it's so.



29 Now, remember, you can only do it then, and then only, after being tested by the Word.

30 Abraham was tested by the Word. “Will you believe,

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Abraham, that you'll have the son?"

"Yes."



31 The son come. "Now destroy him. Do you still believe it, Abraham?"

32 “I believe it, yet, for You’re able to raise him up from the dead.”

33 And after that, He said, “Now, your Seed shall possess the gate of its enemy.” Amen! After the test come!

34 Let’s check up on some of the seed of Abraham, in the natural seed. Which, we be today the spiritual Seed. But let’s find out, by the natural seed, of some of them that believed the full promise of

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God, and never que-...[Blank
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35 I said, “By the way, what
does a Christian girl want to

show her underneath skirt for?
I can't understand that."

36 You are born again, of God, you got the beauty of the Holy Ghost to show that what you are, you are. You've got virtue that these scandal skirts don't have. That's right. A real woman of God, that stands out with virtue, you might be laughed at, and called old fashion; but you got something that they can't touch, and done lost it and never can have it again.

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That's right. You got virtue.
That's what God looks for, is
virtue. See?

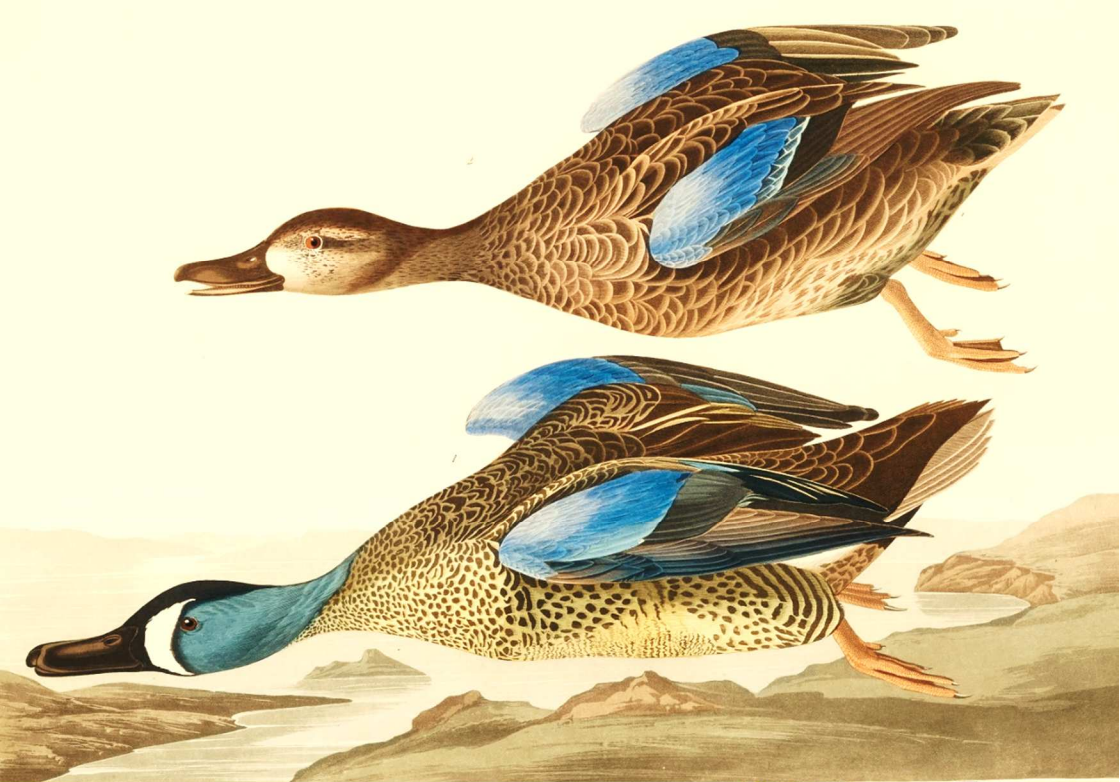


37 But the first thing, if
there's a question in your
mind, don't you do it at all.

Don't you come in a prayer line if there's a question in your mind. Don't you come unless you absolutely believe it, emphatically, there's not a wave in your mind, at all, but what you're going to be healed, then you'll go off this platform a well person. That's right, when there's not a question in your mind, at all. You must believe God, not make-believe. Really believe!

38 And the Seed of Abraham believes it because the Word said so, and that's

the reason we believe it. Not because somebody has criticized, because somebody else said so. Because God said so, that makes it the Truth. When God says it, that settles all questions. He is the last word. He is the ultimate. When God says anything, that settles it. There is nothing else can speak against It. "Every man's word be a lie, and Mine be the Truth."









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