

**GOD CALLS PEOPLE TO HIMSELF.
GOD SENDS PEOPLE FOR HIS PURPOSES.**

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¹⁷THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME. ¹⁸ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO THROUGH CHRIST RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; ¹⁹THAT IS, IN CHRIST GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND ENTRUSTING TO US THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION. ²⁰THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. WE IMPLORER YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD. ²¹FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. —2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

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“THE GLORIOUS GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL IS THAT THE SIN-DEVASTATED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOST SINNERS AND THE HOLY GOD CAN BE RESTORED. THAT AT FIRST GLANCE SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE. GOD’S PERFECT, INFINITE, RIGHTEOUS JUSTICE DEMANDS THE PUNISHMENT OF ALL WHO VIOLATE HIS LAW. STANDING BEFORE THE BAR OF HIS JUSTICE ARE HELPLESS, GUILTY SINNERS, UNABLE EITHER TO SATISFY GOD OR TO CHANGE THEIR CONDITION. BUT THROUGH GOD’S PLAN OF RECONCILIATION ALL THE HOSTILITY, ANIMOSITY, AND ALIENATION SEPARATING THE HOLY ONE AND SINNERS VANISHES, AND THOSE WHO WERE ONCE HIS ENEMIES BECOME HIS FRIENDS. THE HIGH CALLING AND NOBLE PRIVILEGE OF PREACHING THIS MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DUTY IN THE WORLD, SINCE IT DEALS WITH ETERNAL DESTINATIONS.” —DR. JOHN MACARTHUR

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I. GOD CALLS A PARTICULAR MAN—ABRAHAM

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¹NOW THE LORD SAID TO ABRAM,
“GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR KINDRED AND
YOUR FATHER’S HOUSE TO THE LAND THAT I WILL
SHOW YOU. ²AND I WILL MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION,
AND I WILL BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT,
SO THAT YOU WILL BE A BLESSING.

³I WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU,
AND HIM WHO DISHONORS YOU I WILL CURSE,
AND IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH
SHALL BE BLESSED.” —GENESIS 12:1-3

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⁶FOR YOU ARE A PEOPLE HOLY TO THE LORD YOUR GOD.
THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO BE A PEOPLE FOR HIS
TREASURED POSSESSION, OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLES WHO ARE ON
THE FACE OF THE EARTH. ⁷IT WAS NOT BECAUSE YOU WERE MORE
IN NUMBER THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE THAT THE LORD SET HIS LOVE
ON YOU AND CHOSE YOU, FOR YOU WERE THE FEWEST OF ALL
PEOPLES, ⁸BUT IT IS BECAUSE THE LORD LOVES YOU AND
IS KEEPING THE OATH THAT HE SWORE TO YOUR FATHERS, THAT
THE LORD HAS BROUGHT YOU OUT WITH A MIGHTY HAND AND
REDEEMED YOU FROM THE HOUSE OF SLAVERY, FROM THE HAND OF
PHARAOH KING OF EGYPT. ⁹KNOW THEREFORE THAT THE LORD YOUR
GOD IS GOD, THE FAITHFUL GOD WHO KEEPS COVENANT AND
STEADFAST LOVE WITH THOSE WHO LOVE HIM AND KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS, TO A THOUSAND GENERATIONS. —DEUT. 7:6-9

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THE BOOK OF THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF DAVID, THE SON OF ABRAHAM.
—MATTHEW 1:1

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³FOR WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY?
 “ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” ... ¹³FOR THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM AND HIS OFFSPRING THAT HE WOULD BE HEIR OF THE WORLD DID NOT COME THROUGH THE LAW BUT THROUGH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH. ... ¹⁶THAT IS WHY IT DEPENDS ON FAITH, IN ORDER THAT THE PROMISE MAY REST ON GRACE AND BE GUARANTEED TO ALL HIS OFFSPRING—NOT ONLY TO THE ADHERENT OF THE LAW BUT ALSO TO THE ONE WHO SHARES THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM, WHO IS THE FATHER OF US ALL. —ROMANS 4:3, 13, 16

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⁸AND THE SCRIPTURE, FORESEEING THAT GOD WOULD JUSTIFY THE GENTILES BY FAITH, PREACHED THE GOSPEL BEFOREHAND TO ABRAHAM, SAYING, “IN YOU SHALL ALL THE NATIONS BE BLESSED.” ... ¹⁶NOW THE PROMISES WERE MADE TO ABRAHAM AND TO HIS OFFSPRING. IT DOES NOT SAY, “AND TO OFFSPRINGS,” REFERRING TO MANY, BUT REFERRING TO ONE, “AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING,” WHO IS CHRIST.... ²⁸THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE, THERE IS NO MALE AND FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS. ²⁹AND IF YOU ARE CHRIST’S, THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM’S OFFSPRING, HEIRS ACCORDING TO PROMISE. —GALATIANS 3:8, 16, 28-29

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2. GOD PROMISES A PARTICULAR LAND—CANAAN

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⁴SO ABRAM WENT, AS THE LORD HAD TOLD HIM, AND LOT WENT WITH HIM. ABRAM WAS SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD WHEN HE DEPARTED FROM HARAN. ⁵AND ABRAM TOOK SARAI HIS WIFE, AND LOT HIS BROTHER’S SON, AND ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS THAT THEY HAD GATHERED, AND THE PEOPLE THAT THEY HAD ACQUIRED IN HARAN, AND THEY SET OUT TO GO TO THE LAND OF CANAAN. WHEN THEY CAME TO THE LAND OF CANAAN, ⁶ABRAM PASSED THROUGH THE LAND TO THE PLACE AT SHECHEM, TO THE OAK OF MOREH. AT THAT TIME THE CANAANITES WERE IN THE LAND. ⁷THEN THE LORD APPEARED TO ABRAM AND SAID, “TO YOUR OFFSPRING I WILL GIVE THIS LAND.” SO HE BUILT THERE AN ALTAR TO THE LORD, WHO HAD APPEARED TO HIM. —GENESIS 12:4-7

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THE LAND WAS NAMED AFTER THE DESCENDANTS
OF NOAH'S GRANDSON, CANAAN
(GENESIS 10:6)

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¹⁵FOR ALL THE LAND THAT YOU SEE I WILL GIVE TO YOU AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING FOREVER. ¹⁶I WILL MAKE YOUR OFFSPRING AS THE DUST OF THE EARTH, SO THAT IF ONE CAN COUNT THE DUST OF THE EARTH, YOUR OFFSPRING ALSO CAN BE COUNTED. ¹⁷ARISE, WALK THROUGH THE LENGTH AND THE BREADTH OF THE LAND, FOR I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU. —GENESIS 13:15-17

⁷AND I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND YOUR OFFSPRING AFTER YOU THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS FOR AN EVERLASTING COVENANT, TO BE GOD TO YOU AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING AFTER YOU. ⁸AND I WILL GIVE TO YOU AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING AFTER YOU THE LAND OF YOUR SOJOURNINGS, ALL THE LAND OF CANAAN, FOR AN EVERLASTING POSSESSION, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD.” —GENESIS 17:7-8

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¹⁵REMEMBER HIS COVENANT FOREVER, THE WORD THAT HE COMMANDED, FOR A THOUSAND GENERATIONS, ¹⁶THE COVENANT THAT HE MADE WITH ABRAHAM, HIS SWORN PROMISE TO ISAAC, ¹⁷WHICH HE CONFIRMED TO JACOB AS A STATUTE, TO ISRAEL AS AN EVERLASTING COVENANT, ¹⁸SAYING, “TO YOU I WILL GIVE THE LAND OF CANAAN, AS YOUR PORTION FOR AN INHERITANCE.”
—I CHRONICLES 16:15-18

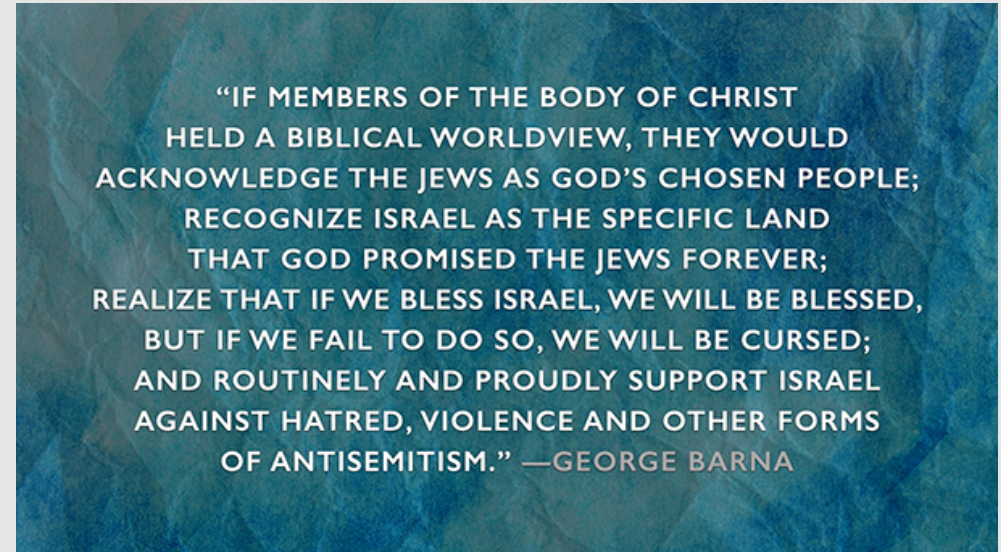
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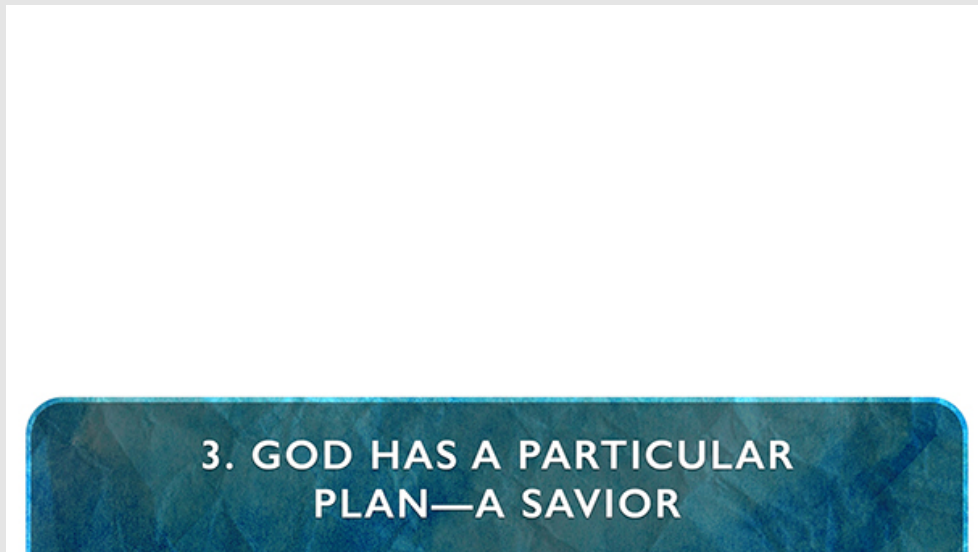
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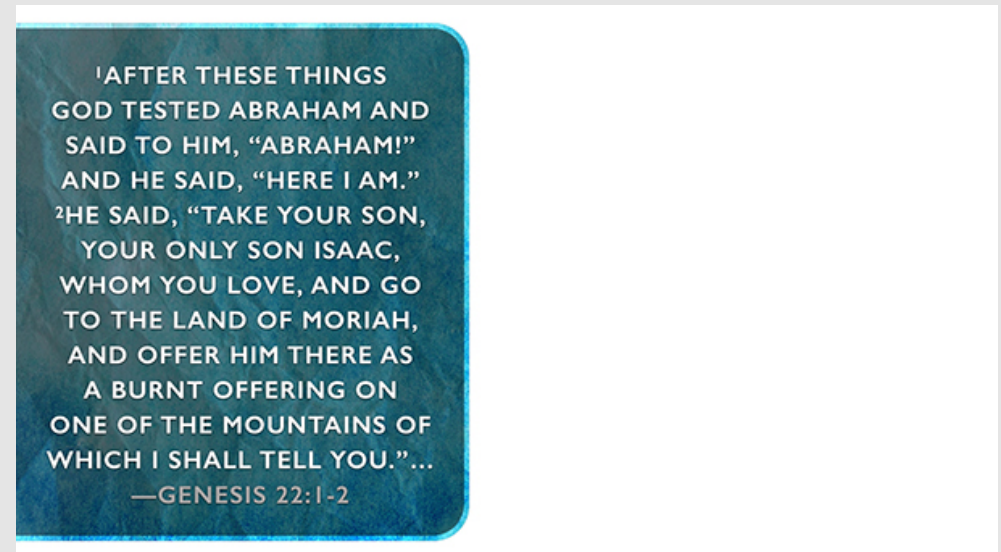
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“WHAT MAKES ‘HINENI’ SUCH A POWERFUL STATEMENT? IT IS AN OFFER OF COMPLETE AVAILABILITY, OF TOTAL READINESS TO SERVE. WHEN WE UTTER ‘HINENI’, WE MAKE OURSELVES FULLY AVAILABLE TO WHATEVER IT IS GOD MIGHT ASK OF US EVEN WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT THAT MIGHT BE. THE ANSWER OF ‘HINENI’ IS ONE OF FAITH.”
—ANVITAL SNOW

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¹¹BUT THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CALLED TO HIM FROM HEAVEN AND SAID, “ABRAHAM, ABRAHAM!” AND HE SAID, “HERE I AM.” ¹²HE SAID, “DO NOT LAY YOUR HAND ON THE BOY OR DO ANYTHING TO HIM, FOR NOW I KNOW THAT YOU FEAR GOD, SEEING YOU HAVE NOT WITHHELD YOUR SON, YOUR ONLY SON, FROM ME.” ¹³AND ABRAHAM LIFTED UP HIS EYES AND LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, BEHIND HIM WAS A RAM, CAUGHT IN A THICKET BY HIS HORNS. AND ABRAHAM WENT AND TOOK THE RAM AND OFFERED IT UP AS A BURNT OFFERING INSTEAD OF HIS SON. ¹⁴SO ABRAHAM CALLED THE NAME OF THAT PLACE, “THE LORD WILL PROVIDE”; AS IT IS SAID TO THIS DAY, “ON THE MOUNT OF THE LORD IT SHALL BE PROVIDED.” —GENESIS 22:11-14

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¹⁷FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM. ¹⁸WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED, BUT WHOEVER DOES NOT BELIEVE IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY SON OF GOD.
—JOHN 3:17-18

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“RECONCILIATION... ALWAYS PORTRAYS GOD AS THE RECONCILER AND SINNERS AS THE ONES RECONCILED, SINCE IT WAS HUMAN SIN THAT RUPTURED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN (CF. ISA. 59:2)...
THUS, RECONCILIATION IS NOT SOMETHING MAN DOES BUT WHAT HE RECEIVES; IT IS NOT WHAT HE ACCOMPLISHES BUT WHAT HE EMBRACES. RECONCILIATION DOES NOT HAPPEN WHEN MAN DECIDES TO STOP REJECTING GOD BUT WHEN GOD DECIDES TO STOP REJECTING MAN. IT IS A DIVINE PROVISION BY WHICH GOD’S HOLY DISPLEASURE AGAINST ALIENATED SINNERS IS APPEASED, HIS HOSTILITY AGAINST THEM REMOVED, AND A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIM AND THEM ESTABLISHED. RECONCILIATION OCCURS BECAUSE GOD WAS GRACIOUSLY WILLING TO DESIGN A WAY TO HAVE ALL THE SINS OF THOSE WHO ARE HIS REMOVED FROM THEM ‘AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST’ (PSALM 103:12), ‘CAST ALL THEIR SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA’ (MICAH 7:19), AND ‘CAST ALL [THEIR] SINS BEHIND [HIS] BACK’ (ISAIAH 38:17).” —JOHN MACARTHUR

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I APPEAL TO YOU THEREFORE,
BROTHERS, BY THE MERCIES
OF GOD, TO PRESENT YOUR
BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE,
HOLY AND ACCEPTABLE TO GOD,
WHICH IS YOUR SPIRITUAL
WORSHIP. ²DO NOT BE CONFORMED
TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE
TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL
OF YOUR MIND, THAT BY TESTING
YOU MAY DISCERN WHAT IS THE
WILL OF GOD, WHAT IS GOOD
AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT.

—ROMANS 12:1-2

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