

# Faith Like Abraham 4

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**Isaiah 51:1-2** – <sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: **Look to the rock** from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; <sup>2</sup> **Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth.** When I called him he was but one, and **I blessed him** and made him many. *NIV*

### The Blessing of Abraham

#### **Galatians 3:6-14,29**

<sup>6</sup> **Consider Abraham:** "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."  
<sup>7</sup> Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." <sup>9</sup> So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. <sup>10</sup> All **who rely** on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do **everything written** in the Book of the Law." <sup>11</sup> Clearly **no one is justified** before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." <sup>12</sup> The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." <sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." <sup>14</sup> He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that **by faith** we might **receive** the promise of the Spirit.

<sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and **heirs according to the promise.** *NIV*

### Lot and Abe Divide – A Too Much God!

#### **Genesis 13:5-6,12-13**

<sup>5</sup> Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. <sup>6</sup> But **the land could not support them** while they stayed together, for **their possessions were so great** that they were not able to stay together.

<sup>12</sup> Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents **near Sodom.** <sup>13</sup> Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. *NIV*

## How and Who Blessed Abraham?

4 kings against 5 – faith that rescues!

**Genesis 14:14-23** – <sup>14</sup> When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup> During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. <sup>16</sup> He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people. <sup>17</sup> After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup> Then **Melchizedek king of Salem** brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, <sup>19</sup> and **he blessed Abram**, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. <sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. <sup>21</sup> The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." <sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath <sup>23</sup> that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, '**I made Abram rich.**' *NIV*

It is **good to be rich**, when **riches are used to rescue!**

**Hebrews 7:1-8** – <sup>1</sup> This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and **blessed him**, <sup>2</sup> and Abraham gave him **a tenth of everything**. First, his name means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace." <sup>3</sup> Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever. <sup>4</sup> Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! <sup>5</sup> Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, their brothers—even though their brothers are descended from Abraham. <sup>6</sup> This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. <sup>7</sup> And without doubt **the lesser person is blessed by the greater**. <sup>8</sup> In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, **by him who is declared to be living.** *NIV*