

The Natural and the Spiritual Seed of Abraham

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ" (Galatians 3:16).

Now, faith. God told Abraham here, give him a promise, **and then God confirmed this promise to him, give him an evidence by taking an oath before him** (*Gen. 22:15-18*). And the immutable thing is that God cannot lie. And not only that, when He promised him, then beyond that He swore to it: God taking an oath to Himself.

You've got to swear to someone greater than you, and there was no one to swear to greater than Himself. **So He swore to Himself.** And the promise was unto Abraham and ("and" is a conjunction) **to his seed** after him, **not seeds; but his seed.** And **Christ is the Seed of Abraham** (*Gal. 3:15-20; John 8:56-58*). **And we being in Christ, the Life of Christ in us makes us Abraham's children** (*Gal. 3:27-29*), and are heirs with him according to the promise. [1]

Now, I want you to notice that this promise that God made Abraham wasn't only just to Abraham, **but it was to his seed after him.** Now, many people says, "Oh, if I'd have been like Abraham, if I would have been where God had talked to me and give me the assurance like He did Abraham, then I would really have faith, if I just had, **if God had talked to me like He did Abraham.**" But you have the same promise that Abraham had, that is, **if you are Seed of Abraham** (*Gal. 3:7-9*).

Then you say, "But, Brother Branham, I'm a Gentile. I could not have the seed of Abraham."

The Seed of Abraham wasn't the natural seed. It was the spiritual Seed, for the circumcision of that was nothing. The promise, He even give him before circumcision (*Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-18; 17:1-22*). But it was given to him before circumcision, and it wasn't because he was circumcised and in the covenant with God that way. **Is because that Abraham believed God** (*Rom. 4:1-25*).

And the Scripture said, that, **"When we are dead in Christ, we become Abraham's Seed."** (*Gal. 3:29*). Paul speaks of it, "And that which is Jew is not Jew outwardly, but Jew inwardly." (*Rom. 2:28-29*). Therefore, **if you are born of the Spirit of God, you are Abraham's Seed, and are heirs with**

Abraham according to the promise." Therefore every promise that God gave Abraham is yours, because spiritually you are Abraham's Seed.

Now, when you have separated yourself from the things of the world, crossed over that separating line, **and are sojourning in a strange land, a land like you wasn't in, in the beginning**, with a people that you never associated with in the beginning, **then you become a spiritual Jew**. Because, the same way that Abraham, by faith, left his country, left his people, went into a strange land with strange people. **You have left your people, left the world behind, left your associates behind, crossed over, through the Blood of Jesus Christ**, and are sojourners, seeking for a City Whose Builder and Maker is God, like Abraham was. Pilgrims (*Heb. 11:8-10*).

The promise is made to Abraham and his Seed after him. Now, God give this promise to Abraham, of his Seed, **would possess the gate of his enemy after He had tried Abraham, tested Abraham** (*Gen. 22:15-18*). Now, **after the testing come, then...**

Abraham had already been converted, we would call it, from paganism into God. **And then God had given him, as a sign of the Holy Ghost, the circumcision** (*Gen. 17:10-14*). **Then, after the circumcision, then come the testing time.**

A very pretty type here of the Church, that, **after we have got saved, then we are given the seal of the promised circumcision**, which is not of the flesh, **but of the Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is our circumcision** (*Gal. 3:3*). It's God's sharp knife. It separates and cuts off the surplus of the flesh, of the world, from us. The Word of God, sharper than a two-edged sword! (*Heb. 4:12*). So, you see, come right back again. **The Word of God is the thing that the Holy Spirit uses; not creeds, not denominations. But the Word is what separates us from the things of the world. It cuts away our ideas and things, and wholly consecrates us to God.**

So then the Holy Spirit is the One that takes the Word of God and separates us from these things of the world, see, **circumcision, cutting off** (*Acts 7:51-60*). **Then you go through a testing time.**

Now, Abraham, after he was called out, the land of the Chaldeans, the city of Ur, he become a pilgrim, a sojourner (*Gen. 12:1-3*). And then God called him, **after he had been proven** that he was going to go on **and take God at His Word**. Then, what God did then, **was given him a sign, that He had accepted him, and He circumcised him**. And he circumcised Ishmael and all of his household (*Gen. 17:10-14*).

And now you see, **when you are called out, first you go through a trial, to see if you're going to really go on. And then God gives you the Holy Ghost, which is the sign that He has accepted your faith that you profess to have in Him. He's going to accept it.**

Now, when we receive Christ as our Saviour, then, if we're **sincere in that, then God gives us a sign, that He has received our faith in Christ, by giving us the seal of circumcision, which is the Holy Ghost** (*Eph. 1:13-14*). That's the seal of circumcision. "*Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed to the Day of your Redemption.*" (*Eph. 4:30*). Not to the next meeting; **but to the Day of your Redemption** (*Rom. 8:22-23*). That's right. Now, that's how we receive the Holy Ghost. [2]

Now, there were **two seeds of Abraham. One of them was natural seed; the other one was a spiritual seed.** One of them was natural, by his flesh; the other one was the seed of his faith, the faith, that we also might be Abraham's seed by the promised Word (*Rom. 9:6-13*). [3]

Now, just as Isaac was in the line of the seed otherwise (*Gen. 17:19-21*). Now notice this, we find out then that David had this promise of a son. Now, we notice how that parallels again with Israel. When Abraham was promised, **that out of his seed would come this great Saviour**, and he'd be father of the nations (*Gen. 17:1-7*). **His natural seed, of course, was Isaac, and it failed. But his spiritual Seed, by the faith that he had, come Christ, which brought in all of the nations.**

Well, now the same thing is paralleled here again. **David's natural seed was Solomon**, and it backslid just like the other seed of Abraham did. It backslid. So did Solomon backslide. He got **too many women** and, the first thing you know, **they led his heart away from God** (*1 Kings 11:1-8*). And the way he went and backslid, died that way, backslid. Israel died in the same way, backslid.

But we find out that **this spiritual Seed, which was promised by the natural seed as a lineage of people coming through Abraham**, but as the kingship come through the spiritual promise of David. And David was born in Bethlehem. And he was anointed in Bethlehem. And we find out then that his real Royal Seed, Heir to his throne was born, in this same city, little Bethlehem. "*Thou art least amongst all the princes of Juda, but out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule My people.*" (*Matt. 2:6*). [4]

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 God...** [5]

There come the natural seed. The natural seed had to come (*Gen. 20*). If Sarah would have married this other man, the natural seed would have never been born.

So if God so protected the course for the natural seed, how much more for the spiritual, royal Seed, has He protected! [6]

But the spiritual, Royal Seed of God that believes, the Royal Seed of Abraham which believes every Word of God, there is a confirmation of a living, resurrected Jesus Christ in them. Amen. Amen. Oh, my! See, the same thing it was, the whole Church must be relation.

When it was typed in the natural seed, look, **Isaac and Rebekah** were first cousins, blood relation, same fathers; see, fathers were brothers, made them blood cousins, the bride and the bridegroom.

And in Adam and Eve, it was all Adam, to begin with. God took a rib from his side and made a woman, and He took the feminish spirit out of Adam and put it in a woman. [7]

Now, the promise was made to Abraham and his Seed after him. **Not only Abraham, but his Seed. Now, now, the natural seed of Abraham, was Isaac; but the spiritual Seed of Abraham's faith, was Christ.** Not through Isaac, all the world was blessed; **but through Christ, the Royal Seed,** all the world was blessed, **for He died for all people, all nations and all peoples.** [8]

And, today, God is calling His Elected, the spiritual Seed of Abraham, by the faith that he had in the Word of God. Don't you see the spiritual Seed, today? That don't see the intellectual church. **It sees the Word. And It's being called** from those big denominations, **into the Presence of Jesus Christ.** Was that clear? Did you get it? **The Elected, only!** [9]

But Abraham had many children (*Gen. 25:1-4*). He had one before he had Isaac, which was showing the slipping up of the unbelief of Sarah who wanted Hagar to bring the child, thinking that she was too old, and God to bypass and make some other way from the way that He had promised to do it (*Gen. 16:1-6*).

But God keeps His promise. No matter how unreasonable it may seem, **God is obligated to His promise.** And Sarah thought that maybe she could have Hagar, her maid, to give birth to a baby through Abraham, and she would take it. And that became Ishmael, which was a thorn in the flesh, from then until now. Still a thorn in the flesh, for out of there come the Arabs, and they've always been that way.

Now, any time that you disbelieve the naked Word of God **and adopt some other way, it'll be a thorn in your flesh from there on.** You take just what God said. If He said It, that's just what He means. Oh, blessed be His Name! **Just take His Word.**

No matter what tries to bypass, say, "Well, It really doesn't mean That." It means just what It says, when God makes a promise. [10]

Notice, God said, "*And your seed,*" the seed of Abraham now, "*would possess the gates of its enemies.*" (*Gen. 22:16-18*). He would take the gates, possess the gates. He promised it. Now, his natural seed did just that. **All of Abraham's natural seed were the prophets that come after him.**

There was Moses, Abraham's seed, and, when he did, he came to the gate, in a line of duty. He came to the gate of the Red Sea, after teaching the children of Israel of the promised land that God had promised. He was God's prophet. He had been manifested before the people, as God's prophet. God created, by him. God did all kinds of signs and wonders, by him. And he stayed just exactly with God's Word, **because he sought God, first. And he knew his position. He knewed he was born for that age, to manifest the Word of God at that time.** And then, right in the line of duty, he come up against something that he knowed not what to do, that was the Red Sea. Well, what happened? **The seed of Abraham was promised to possess the enemies' gates.** So when the Red Sea become a gate that he couldn't come through, God moved upon the scene and took the gate and went away with it, and Moses walked across the sea on dry land. **His seed possessed the gate.**

Abraham's super Seed, He was, super Son. **Abraham** had one son, he begot that by the natural flesh, **that was Isaac. Then he had another Son, and that Son was by faith, that was Jesus; He was the Son of Abraham, Son of David, Son of God.** He foresaw it in the vision. **Faith in His promised Word,** to show forth, in these last days, Abraham. **We're supposed to be Abraham's Seed. If we are dead in Christ, we are Abraham's Seed; and heir with Him, according to the promise (*Gal. 3:29*).** Now, why was this super sign given to Abraham? Because that it would bring forth the super sign of the last day. It has to be displayed.

God showed Abraham the end from the beginning, and what was going to take place; **God manifested in Man, His super faith Son.** Man that could not destroy this Son; they could destroy Isaac, they could destroy Jacob, and the successors after them, **but this super Son could not be destroyed.** Abraham, the Seed of Abraham, **this faith, that, not the natural seed, but the faith that Abraham received,** not by the law of circumcision; **but by the faith in the Word, Abraham's super faith Son, which was Jesus Christ.** Now, all his other sons died, but this Son could not be killed. He was killed, but could not stay dead. **The grave could not hold Him. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.** [11]

When Abraham offered up Isaac in Genesis 22:16-17, God said, "*Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemy.*" Now, **the natural seed of Abraham was**

Isaac (Gen. 17:19-21). So through the seed of Isaac, **we find out that they did possess the gates of their enemy.**

One time they had three of them down in Babylon in that great big city there, that was built super city. But they had a supernatural. And they threwed them into a super fire het seven times hotter than it ever was het. And there was **a supernatural sign of a supernatural God standing in the fire, supernaturally saving them.** Amen. What did they do? **They possessed the gates of the furnace, their enemy (Daniel 3:8-30).** [12]

And I'm going to follow the junctions of Abraham's life, and then follow the junctions of Abraham's seed, and see if God kept His Word letter-by-letter.

Now, we know that there's only one way **that we can be saved and that is being in the covenant with Abraham,** because it was made to Abraham. But the Bible said, "We being in Christ, we being dead in Christ take on Abraham's seed and are heirs with Abraham." (*Gal. 3:29*). Is that right? Now, **Christ is the royal Seed of Abraham. Out of Abraham come Isaac, out of Isaac come Jacob, out of Jacob come Joseph, out of Joseph, so forth on down, David, David on, so-and-so, till finally the royal Seed was born which was Christ, and in Christ made Abraham, the father of all nations.** And the Abrahamic covenant is confirmed to the people or given to the people **unconditionally.** [13]

Now, that's exactly what God did by the Royal Seed of Abraham. Now, **I know Isaac was the seed of Abraham potentially. It was the natural seed of Abraham, but not the real Seed of Abraham. The real Seed of Abraham was Christ, the Royal Seed (Gal. 3:16).** Isaac only was substitutionary until Christ came, which was the Seed of Abraham.

Now, and then **the real seed of Abraham believes the promise, just like Abraham did, because it's to Abraham and his seed after him.** Now, watch what God did to the Royal Seed to make the covenant confirmed. **He took Christ, which was the Seed of Abraham; on Calvary He tore Him apart.** He took the Spirit off of Him, and put His body in the grave and His soul in hell, and raised Him up on the third day, and raised up His body, and brought it up into glory, and there sent the Spirit back down, and kept the body on His right hand side. Sent the Spirit back down, to live in the church, to make a church just so much with the Life of Christ that in the resurrection, the two will come together, **Bride and Bridegroom, the church and Christ** will be exactly alike **with the same kind of ministry, same kind of power, same kind of Spirit.** He raised up the body of Jesus Christ and set on His right side, His right hand, and poured down the Spirit upon the church on the

day of Pentecost. **That's how God proved His covenant with His church** (*Acts 2:32-36*). [14]

Watch Abraham. **He was the father of the nations to be** (*Rom. 4:16*), **through His royal Seed, which was Christ**. Now, it could not happen, the full promise, to the Jews, because through Isaac the promise is all to the Jewish race; **but in this last days He has promised it to Abraham and his Seed, which, Christ was his Seed**. [15]

Now, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are One. You can't have the Father without having the Son; you can't have the Son without having the Holy Ghost. **But you can be justified without being sanctified; you can be sanctified without being filled with the Holy Ghost** (*1 John 5:7-8*). We have proved that in the order of nature. I teach in types, as **the natural types the spiritual**.

Now, we see that there **are three in the perfection**. God is perfected in three's, now. And that was, in the perfection of the seed of Abraham, **was Ishmael, Isaac, Jesus**. Ishmael coming from the bondwoman, Isaac coming from the freewoman, and both of them with sex; **but Christ Jesus coming from the virgin, no sex**.

Here, the "Seed," one, one Seed; not seeds, but one Seed. These others were not seed of Abraham, **because Abraham "Seed" was his faith Seed that God was speaking of**, not his natural seed. Because, after Sarah died, Abraham married another woman and had seven sons, besides daughters. So it wouldn't be Abraham's seeds, **it was Abraham "Seed," one. And that was Abraham's faith Seed, pointing to the Royal Seed that was to come through Abraham's faith; not Abraham's natural life, but Abraham's spiritual life**; who took everything contrary to God's Word and called it as though it was not, **and believed God** (*Rom. 4:17-18; Gen. 15:5*); against hope, believed in hope. That's the real Seed that we're speaking of. [17]

But as it was with Israel natural, so is it with Israel spiritual. We are Israelites because we are the seed of Abraham (*Gal. 6:14-16*). That Israelite is not that which is of the flesh, but that which is of the Spirit. **"We being dead in Christ take on Abraham's seed and are heirs with Abraham according to the promise."** And Abraham was not a Jew. Abraham was a Gentile out of the land of the Chaldeans and the city of Ur. He was absolutely a Gentile. [18]

That's why the Rapture is different, and will only be for the royal Seed of Abraham. It cannot come by the natural, carnal seed of the church. **It'll have to be the royal Seed of the Word of God, through Abraham, the royal Seed**. That's why the Rapture has to be first.

Therefore, there, they will not be heirs together. They'll not be in the Rapture together. **There is absolutely a church natural, and Church spiritual; a church carnal, a Church spiritual.**

There is no Judgment **to the royal, spiritual, predestinated Seed of Abraham, for they are predestinated to Eternal Life** (*Eph. 1:3-12; Acts 13:48*). They have accepted God's provided Sacrifice; and that Sacrifice, **which was Christ, the Word.** [17]

Heavenly Father, we are grateful to see the risen Messiah. Nineteen hundred years of all kinds of theology and movements, but still, in the darkness of all of it, You promised that You would appear here in the last days, in this Sodom day, and **You would make Yourself known to the children of Abraham, the called, the elected.** And here You are, You are just as much alive today as You was when You talked to the woman at the well. **It's God manifested in flesh, now in the flesh of His Bride, for the Bride and the Husband is the same-self flesh.** "These two are one." **And the Church is becoming the Bride, all the time, by believing the Word, so that the Word and the Church becomes the same. The Word in the Church, making it the Bride.** The last sign, God identifying Himself, the Word in the Church (*Eph. 5:30-32*). [16]

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- [2] "And Thy Seed Shall Possess the Gate of His Enemy" (62-0121M), par. 55-67, 73
- [3] "Possessing the Gate of the Enemy After Trial" (64-0322), par. 24
- [4] "Why Little Bethlehem" (63-1214), par. 64-66
- [5] "The Patriarch Abraham" (64-0207), par. 34
- [6] "The Restoration of the Bride Tree" (62-0422), par. 144-145
- [7] "Jehovah Jireh Part 1" (64-0402), par. 111-113
- [8] "Jehovah Jireh Part 2" (64-0403), par. 59
- [9] "The Third Exodus" (63-0630M), par. 245
- [10] "Hebrews Chapter 6 Part 3" (57-0915M), par. 541-546
- [11] "The Super Sign" (63-1129), par. 116-120
- [12] "Super Sign" (61-0430), par. E33
- [13] "Abraham and His Seed After Him" (61-0416), par. E32
- [14] "Abraham and His Seed After Him" (61-0423), par. E39
- [15] "Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever" (61-0516A), par. E58
- [16] "The Identification of Christ In All Ages" (64-0409), par. 255
- [17] "The Seed Is Not Heir With the Shuck" (65-0218), par. 50-53, 63-65
- [18] "The Church Choosing Law For Grace" (61-0316), par. E15

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]