Abram Had the Covenant Reconfirmed by God: Aroused Faith — the Steps to a Fresh, Stirring Experience with God

Genesis 17:01-14

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, 1. Abram received a fresh 1 revelation from God: the LORD appeared to him and said, God is the Almighty God "I am God Almighty, walk before me. 2. Abram was charged by God faithfully and be blameless. to make a new commitment a. To walk before God continually b. To live a blameless, perfect life c. The results: Then I will make my covenant between me 2 God promised to fulfil and you and will greatly increase His covenant, His promises your numbers". 3. Abram humbled himself 3 Abram fell face-down, before God and listened to God and God said to him. a. Abram fell on his face 4 "As for me. b. God reminded Abram: Abram had been chosen this is my covenant with you: by God Himself You will be a father of many nations. to receive the covenant c. God changed Abram's name 5 No longer will you be called Abram; to Abraham your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 4. Abram heard and believed 6 I will make you very fruitful; God's covenant or promises I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. a. The promised seed: Includes nations and kings 1) Is an everlasting covenant 7 I will establish my covenant or promise as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you 2) The reason: for the generations to come, That God might be the God to be your God of the promised seed forever and the God of your descendants after you.

- b. The promised land
- 1) Is an everlasting possession
- The reason: That God might be the God of the promised seed forever
- 5. Abram had to keep the covenant and the ritual of the covenant: Keeping its meaning always in his mind
 - a. The duty: To keep God's covenant
 - b. The ritual or sign of the covenant: Circumcision
 - 1) To include every male child
 - 2) To be a sign or symbol of the covenant
 - To be done at a set time:
 When a child was eight days old
 - 4) To include every house-hold: Every male, free or enslaved
 - 5) To be an everlasting sign
 - 6) To be strictly observed: Refusal to share in the ritual was to be severely punished

- 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."
- 9 Then God said to Abraham,"As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.
- 10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.
- 11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.
- 12 For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner those who are not your offspring.
- 13 Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant.
- 14 Any uncircumcised male,who has not been circumcised in the flesh,will be cut off from his people;he has broken my covenant."