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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Contending for the Kingdom in Prayer and Daily Walk

In my July/August article, we reflected on the call to hold fast to sound doctrine and to beware of those who cause division with teachings contrary to the Gospel of the Kingdom. This reminder was timely, for we live in an age when many voices compete for our attention. Not all of them point us to Christ or to the Everlasting Covenant He has secured in His blood

This month, we are blessed by a devotional study on prayer. Prayer is not only the lifeline of the believer, it is also the means by which the Kingdom advances in our hearts, homes, and communities. Without prayer, we lose sight of God's power. Without sound doctrine, we lose sight of His Truth and without both, we risk drifting into the confusion of Babylon.

Over the past weeks of preaching, we have emphasized that the true covenant people of Israel are called to be a faithful remnant, standing apart from the errors of man-made religion, false gospels, and universalist teachings. The Kingdom is not built upon the shifting sands of human opinion but upon the unshakable Word of God. Our sermons on contending for the faith, the Servant Songs of Isaiah, and the warnings of Jude have all underscored this point: we are called to discern, to pray, and to walk in obedience.

Prayer, then, is never isolated from doctrine. David's prayers

became **Psalms** precisely because they were rooted in covenant faith and repentance. The prayers of the saints today must likewise be grounded in God's promises, not in mere emotional wishes. We are not praying into the void, we are addressing our High Priest, who intercedes for us even now at the right hand of the Father.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

- ⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
- ⁶ Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

The combination of sound teaching and fervent prayer strengthens the remnant. Together, they sharpen us against error, prepare us for tribulation, and draw us nearer to the Lord who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:8-10

- 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;
- ¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

As we move forward, let us keep these truths before us: sound doctrine guards our minds, prayer guards our hearts, and obedience guards our walk. These three together will keep us faithful until the Kingdom is fully revealed.

May we, as one scattered yet united body, continue to encourage each other in truth, in prayer, and in steadfastness. May the God of peace make us perfect in every good work to do His will, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Colossians 4:2-3

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds.

In His service and by His Law, Pastor Kevyn Reid

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Newsletter Feature

Editorial Note – Pastor Reid

It is always a joy to see members of the body of Christ grow in their understanding of the Word and in their desire to "earnestly contend for the Kingdom." This month, we are blessed to feature a devotional on prayer contributed by one of our fellow believers. His study reflects a heart learning to be Kingdom-minded and a willingness to submit to God's Word in both study and practice.

I encourage all of our readers, scattered across this nation and abroad, to take part in this work of edification. If the Lord lays a lesson, testimony, or study upon your heart that is in harmony with the Kingdom message we proclaim, do not hesitate to share it. Together, by the Spirit's leading, we can build one another up in truth and righteousness and keep pressing forward as a faithful remnant.

May this article be a blessing to you, and may it stir you to deeper prayer and greater obedience in your walk with Christ.

Obtaining Mercy Through Prayer

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and He did hear my voice out of His temple, and my cry did enter into His ears. – 2 Samuel 22:7

David's life was marked by many trials and many victories. Though hounded by enemies and weighed down by his own sins, he always turned back to the Lord in prayer. His relationship with God was deep and personal. He did not always receive what he wanted, but he always received what he needed—strength, direction, and the assurance that God was near. Out of those experiences flowed the **Psalms** we treasure today.

So, it is with us. As covenant believers, our prayers are not merely cries of desperation but conversations with our High Priest, Jesus Christ. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin (**Hebrews 4:15**). Because He knows our

weakness, we can come boldly before the Throne of Grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (**Hebrews 4:16**).

The Apostle Paul reminds us that when words fail, the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with "groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26). Just as Hannah poured out her soul in unspoken prayer, so also the Spirit pleads on our behalf with intensity beyond human language.

Prayer is both speaking and listening. We hear His answers through His Word, through godly elders, and sometimes in that "still small voice" that Elijah heard in the cave (1 Kings 19:12). Above all, Christ Himself intercedes for us (John 17). His prayer for His people spans all generations until His return.

Therefore, let us cultivate daily conversation with our Creator, walking in obedience to His Word. Each prayer draws us closer to Him and further from Babylon. When that great system falls, may we be among the saints rejoicing in its downfall, not among the merchants lamenting her loss.

As Charles Spurgeon said:

"Anything is a blessing which makes us pray."

Letters from Readers

Love your newsletters. God bless and be with you all. CO, OR

Enjoy your in-depth teaching! **PE, IN**

Thank you for the good work that you are doing. I enjoy reading your newsletter and listening to your sermons. I pray that God would bless you and your wife, Martha Barley and any staff that may be helping you. **ST, WA**

Dear Pastor Reid and family,

Thanks for all you are doing to further the Gospel of our Lord of Lords and King of Kings here on this fallen earth. My prayers are with you and Mrs. Barley as you spread the Truth daily. Your brother in Christ Jesus, **SN PA**

No Room in the Margins

By Margaret Reid

It is no secret that I have a lot of demands on my time. Even this year, without signing up for extracurriculars, like ballet, wrestling, soccer, or piano, it is mind boggling I get done what I get done at all. In fact, recently, I tried an automated scheduling system. It could not even produce a real-world schedule that I could follow.

It was too strict, too rigid. There was no room in the margins for checking on our newly acquired chickens (52 of them!) nor room in the schedule to allow for nursing breaks. Nor was there any room for when children get a bump or a cut or for naps. No time for friends or phone calls, meal planning or morning coffee, or chocolate breaks! I could not realistically fit in the time it takes me to prep food, because it could not accurately project timelines. It takes several hours to make two loaves of bread we all love so much, whether sourdough or just yeast.

How could I get it done? Now, I know that I have too much to do all the time. That does not, at any point, stop me from trying to cram in as much as I can every day. So, I cram, and I jump, and I wiggle, and I rush, and I frazzle. I force a gap where there was just a hole, and I make room in the margins. I do not get everything done in a day, but I have found, often, something is better than nothing. I start what I can start, and I finish the rest later.

Everything in my life is constantly running. The dishes, the laundry, the bread, the meals, the grocery lists, the supply runs. It is all ongoing all the time. There is no deadline, so there is no need to have a fixed "start" time. Now is better than later, now is better than never. Over time progress is made.

Unfortunately, like a disorganized person in real life, it is messy and often has a lot of setbacks. Is there a straight shot path to achieve my goals? Maybe. I am sure there is, but that is not the road I will travel on. Messy and chaotic is my

specialty – yet it still burns you out. There is not a lot of time for rest, or resets. So, what is a girl to do? Figure it out I suppose.

My goal is goals. I have a goal to be organized, maintain a tidy home, a goal to make all my food from scratch, a goal to hit my physical peak, a goal to heal my body, a goal to achieve and be and do. I am a little ambitious. My solution is of course, in this season of life, after trying everything else, to "seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness."

It is finding ways to honor God and take sabbath rests. It is delegating what I do not need to do. It is prioritizing obedience. It is getting rid of everything that does not fit anymore. Both literally and figuratively. My day-to-day worship is found between the giggles and tired whines. The moments of gratitude for the sweet children who grow all too fast. The kisses I give after wiping off another dirty face. A few minutes to bring together a project in my sewing room (The Twins Birthday jackets are finally finished!) Prayers for my neighbor, my friend, my sister, my co-worker. Thoughts that linger toward my greater calling. "Lord, do you want me to...?"

When I leave no room in the margins, God Himself steps into them. He fills in what I cannot. And in that space, I find rest. The life God has called us to may be a messy one. It may be full of chaos, and the list of things to do, never ending and impossible to finish. However, tightening to focus back to God

always brings that elusive rest, that God-glorifying satisfaction of a job well done, if it is done unto the Lord.

Keep pressing in, keep refining, keep culling the things that do not work. Do not forget to pray for me, as I pray for you!

God didn't promise the
weapons wouldn't form-but He
did promise they wouldn't win.
Isaiah 54:17.

Stay armored.
Stay rooted.
Stay in Him.



What do the Biblical Terms Son of God and the sons of God Mean?

By Pastor Sheldon Emry (1926-1985) November 1979 issue of The Answering Service

The term **son(s)** of **God** has a basic meaning, but it also has quite a few different applications. The phrase is used in Eastern cultures even today to refer to those who have no earthly father, especially of orphans.

The term was applied to Christ because He had no earthly father. This may be taken in at least two different ways. First, some may have called Him the term to indicate His supposed father, Joseph, had died while Jesus was young, thus making Him an orphan in their eyes. Secondly, this could be a reference to the fact that Jesus was born of a virgin and had no earthly father right from the beginning.

The term is used in **Job 38:7, 32** in reference to the star constellations, which were animals in person pictures in the stars. Since they were the creation of God, having no earthly father, they are called the **sons of God**.

Perhaps the most important usage of the term as far as the Israel message is concerned is Christ's marriage to Israel at Mount Sinai. Jesus Christ is the Groom; Israel is His Bride. Jesus promised to bless, honour, and protect her, and to give her many children (see **Genesis 12:1-3**), while Israel promised to submit to His authority in obedience to His Law (**Exodus 19:6-8**).

It is important that we recognize that Israel as a political entity and corporate unit is the Bride, while the individual Israelites are the offspring of that marriage relationship. The Bible calls them the children of Israel and of God.

However, we read later in the Scriptures that God divorced Israel (**Jeremiah 3:8**), which served to make all the Israelite citizens illegitimate as far as being **sons of God** was concerned. This divorce from God also revoked her right to the name *Israel* that God had given to His wife as her *married*

name. From then on, these descendants of Abraham were just **gentiles** (nations). This is why the New Testament writings, especially **Romans 9-11** call divorced Israel by the term **gentiles** (nations). They are legally classified with the non-Israelite nations.

The reason for Israel's divorce was her infidelity, in that she began following the laws of Baal and Molech. In effect, she married other gods. Now God's Law in **Deuteronomy 24:1-5** makes it plain that when a husband divorces his wife, and she remarries, he cannot go and claim her again to be his wife. So once divorced and remarried, Israel could not be claimed again by Jesus Christ. That is, unless both her husbands were dead (**Romans 7:1; 1 Corinthians 7:39**).

Isaiah 53 tells how Christ, the original Husband died, and **Isaiah 54** tells how Israel thus became a *widow* (**Isaiah 54:4**). The death of Christ made Him legally eligible to remarry Israel, but the problem is Israel still had to await the death of Baal, her present husband, before she is legally eligible to remarry Christ. That event must await the repentance of Israel and the destruction of false religion from her midst.

Now I said all that to make this point: Legally speaking, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (that is the Anglo-Saxons and related peoples as a corporate unit) is **NOT** the Bride yet. She has been betrothed, but the marriage is future.

And in the same way, most Israelite individuals are not legally the **sons of God**. Most of our people still worship Baal and follow his laws. This state of affairs will continue until our people call for the true national repentance prophesied to take place some day, where the people renounce Baal and forsake his laws for those of Christ. In that day, Baal will DIE!

But you can *become* a legal **son of God** now by rejecting the rulership of Baal in your life and placing yourself in covenant relationship with Jesus Christ. This means vowing to follow His Law in obedience, just as our forefathers did at Mount

Sinai. Those who individually separate themselves from the family of Baal and join the family of Christ are firstfruits (**James 1:18**) of the entire nation of Israel, which God will turn because of the New Covenant. You who are firstfruits have become legal **sons of God** here and now. [Editor's note: also be baptized as soon as you are able.]

John 1:12

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

That means you are expected to renounce the present husband (Baal) of your mother Israel. Now you are **sons of God**, because you have no earthly father. Your Father is Jesus Christ who will soon marry the nation itself.

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If you are like me, you probably do not know a lot about WW1. Here are some facts to share with others about how God saved Britain during that time. This was written before WW2, so he just uses the term World War.

The Lord Reigneth

Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Helms (1863-1955)

What God did in the World War is the wonder chapter of history and proves that He does move in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. Also, that He makes the wrath of man to praise Him. In the darkest hour of the war someone said to King George of England, "How will it ever end?" King George prayerfully replied, "God will have to work a miracle." He did.

That is the answer. Because God is the God that doeth wonders among the nations. It is why Germany had the war won seven times and then lost it.

Hath the Wind a Father?

1. It was four o'clock on the afternoon of April 22, 1915, that the Germans at Ypres (France) turned loose for the first time their deadly poisonous gas on the Allies. It was all unexpected, and the Allied soldiers, all unprotected, fell in the wind rows. They were piled up like bloated cordwood. All that Germany now needed to do was to march through, take the English Channel, and the world was hers. Then, why didn't she do it? Why was this particular time selected to turn loose the gas? It was not the military but the Meteorological Department which announce to the German General in charge that the direction of the winds was fixed and settled for thirty-six hours to come, and that they would carry the gas out over the Allied lines.

So, the gas was turned loose – when all of a sudden, it whirled and flung itself back over the German army. The Germans gasping, strangling, staggered by the thousands to their deaths. Dr. Schmaus, in his official

report said, "In forty years of meteorological records of the German government the wind never acted so peculiarly before." The doubly strange and striking thing was that the wind whirled in only that small area. A hundred and sixteen times the Bible tells of God's doings and dealings with the wind.

[Editor's note: 87,000 casualties for the Allies and 35,000 casualties on the German side on that day.]

Hath the Rain a Father?

2. We have come to the darkest June of the war. Austria and Germany have swept down the Alps to swallow Italy. Just before them lies Venice. Venice is the heart of Italy. To have taken Venice at the time would not only have broken the heart of Italy, but the Central Powers would easily have taken Florence, Rome, Naples, and Milan, Italy. If, at that crucial hour, Italy had fallen, the Allies would have lost. All there was between the Central Powers and victory was the Piave River. The Piave is a slow sluggish stream that sleeps itself away one hundred and twenty-five miles to the sea. The banks are so flat that it is easy to fling over bridges or cross by boats.

The Austrians and Germans poured over by the tens of thousands. They took no food for the granaries of Italy were just ahead. Every soldier carried an empty chest. There were automobile trucks by the score to bring back the loot. They are now within six and a half miles of Venice. The sky is red with the flame of their victory, and the air is rent with their shouts, when all of a sudden, out of what had been a dead and dry sky an hours ago, there bursts a Niagara. In an hour, the Piave was a racing, roaring, mad, wide sea, sweeping before it boats, bridges, trees, soldiers- whole battalions of Austrians and Germans were swept to the sea. The Austrian and German soldiers were cut off without

supplies, a great terror seized them, and the Italians captured or killed more than forty thousand of them. General Foch said, "General Diaz did his best." What would his best have amounted to without God's best? General Diaz recognized this when sobbing he said, "Deus fecit." God did it. One hundred and two times the Bible speaks of God's dealings and doing with the rain – His rain.

Hath the Sea a Father?

3. **November 17, 1917**. The German submarine strength is at its tide (height). Night and day for ten months they have been turning them out. They have enough submarines now to sweep the seas of America ships and soldiers. It is done. The war is won. The Berlin papers of those weeks gloated over the winning of the war by the submarine, when lo, the seas rolled and raged and would not cease, and the submarines, unable to return to their bases because of the fury of the seas were forced to come to the surface and were captured or sunk – one hundred and ninety-nine with three thousand of their crew, and the back of the German submarine warfare was broken and Germany lost. Two hundred and nineteen times the Bible tells of God's doing and dealings with His storms at sea.

Hath the rain a father? (Job 38:28) Hath the snow a father? Hath the wind a father? Hath the sea a father? "He holdeth the seas in the hollow of His hand" (based on Isaiah 40:12) He turned His hand and spilt them on Germany and Germany lost.

God Rules

4. September 6, 1914 – one month after the war began. The Germans are in sight of Paris. The Kaiser, from yon hill, through his glass, can plainly see the Eiffel Tower. The French have but eight hours' ammunition. The orders are already given: "When the last round is

fired, every man take to his heels." The archives of the Government have been removed from Paris southward, and the women and children have been taken out by the thousands. Eight hours and the war is done, and the world is won – only eight hours – when, all of a sudden the Germans cease firing, and did not begin again for forty-seven hours. General Gallienny commandeered every taxicab, automobile, carriage, cart, wheelbarrow – everything that had wheels – in Paris and rushed munitions and men to the front.

When after forty-eight hours the Germans began firing again, they met with such fury that they were pounded back and never in four years were the Germans so near Paris again. General Von Kluck, Hausen, and Beulow – German generals in charge – in their official report said that they did not know why they ceased firing! Only eight hours and the world is Germany's, and the Germans cease firing and do not know why!

The Bible answers that: "So far shalt thou come, and no farther." The German Generals say they do not know why they ceased firing for forty-seven hours. The Bible answers. Thus saith the Lord concerning this wicked king, He shall not come into this city. By the way that he came, by the same way shall he return. He shall not come into this city, saith the Lord for I will defend this city to save it (based on 2 Kings 19:32-34). And Germany lost.

He Giveth Seedtime and Harvest

5. By the spring of 1917, the German scientists had solved the problem of growing food and grain and perfected it as it had never before been perfected in the history of the world. They announced that Germany would have the potato crop of all time; that they had put in each potato hill that which would kill every enemy of the potato under ground and above ground. And how the potatoes of Germany grew.

When those uncounted acres and miles were in blossom, lo, a blight theretofore unknown swept over the potato fields of Germany, and in a day they were scorched, scabbed, shrivelled as though fire swept and hungry Germany learned the truth utter by Napoleon, "An army travels on its belly, and will not travel when the belly is empty." A mutiny broke loose in the army that forced the abdication of the Kaiser and brought the armistice. [General Erich] Ludendorff, in his history of the war says that it was the failure of the potato crop of 1917 that lost Germany the war.

That same spring, though we started with the coldest wettest spring for years, nevertheless, we raised such a bumper crop of potatoes and wheat and everything, that we were able to feed ourselves and the Allies. Verily "He giveth seedtime and harvest. He sendeth the early and the latter rains," (Jeremiah 5:24) and also the blight. One of the plagues of Egypt spread death to the growing crops. The record is And there remained not any green thing throughout the land of Egypt (Exodus 10:15). It is according to the book. There shall be neither earing nor harvest (Genesis 45:6). "I will make their harvest a heap of ruin and they shall beg in the harvest" And Germany cried in the very words of Scripture, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved (Jeremiah 8:20)." The book speaks of God as a God who forgetteth not. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

He Maketh the Clouds His Chariot (Psalm 104:3)

6. The world recognized that Germany was superior in the air, and yet the world knows, and Germany conceded that she was worsted in the air the last few months of the war. The head of the aerial service explained this by saying: "The Allies did not have superior airships nor fighters, but it was the accursed clouds that defeated us. Nearly every time when we had a bevy of the enemy's ships in a pocket ready to take them, one of those accursed clouds would be hanging handy by and would envelop them as thick as a blanket, and the devil himself could not find them, and would escape at their leisure. It was the accursed clouds that did it." He spoke by the records. "My clouds shall curse them in that day, saith the Lord" Many of our boys who were in the air service report the same thing - "that just when they were in a tight corner a cloud, coming from nobody knew where, canopied them, cloaking them as a tent." "A cloud came upon them to hide them" "The Lord covered His with a cloud "

The Fool Hath Said 'No God!

7. "Those that the god would destroy they first make mad." In those early days of the war, Germany could easily have cut through to the Channel ports and had England at her mercy. But blinded and maddened like a mad and blind bull the Germans struck for Paris. They never reached Paris, and they never reached the Channel ports, later to do which they paid the price of nearly two million men; for Germany knew she must have the ports of the English channel to win the war.

Six weeks after she began the war, she might have possessed every foot of the Channel but mad and blinded she plunged Paris-ward for the Kaiser must have his "Christmas dinner in Paris." The only possible explanation is – Germany was mad. "Let them alone," the Lord said. They are blind leading the blind, and if the blind lead the blind they shall both fall in the ditch (Matthew 15:14). Mad and blinded, she struck

for Paris and that gave England time to get between the Channel and the enemy, and there she stood for four long years with her back to the wall, and Germany lost.

The armistice happened at the eleventh hour of the eleventh month, 1918. The eleventh verse of the eleventh chapter of the eleventh book of the Bible is at least suggestive.

1 Kings 11:11

Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

If ever that was done to any nation and any ruler, it was done to Germany and the Kaiser. Germany's doom was sounded when she turned from Christ to Krupp [the premier weapons manufacturer], from the cross of Calvary to the iron cross.

The day after the great earthquake and fire at San Francisco, a newsboy was showing a dazed man the way through, and as they walked the lad philosophized – "It took men a long time to put all this stuff up, but God tumbled it over in a minute. Say, mister, 'taint no use for a feller to think he can lick God."

Oh, ye nations of the earth, 'taint no use for a nation to think it can lick God. Leaders of the new order and of the new day, your only hope for national immortality is in finding which way God is going and going that way. For 'taint no use for a nation to think it can lick God. The Cross points the only way out for the nations. It is Christ or chaos for the world. "Vox populi, vox Dei" = "the voice of the people is the voice of God," No Never! That is the rock on which Germany was wrecked. It is Vox Dei, vox populi! = "The voice of God

is the voice of the people."

And now we are in the age of democracy. There is no more hope of a democracy than of an autocracy, save as it is founded on theocracy. Before all, behind all, beneath all – God. *The Government must be upon His Shoulders!*

CDC Hit With Lawsuit Over Failure to Test Cumulative Effect of 72-Dose Childhood Vaccine Schedule

CDC Hit With Lawsuit Over Failure to Test Cumulative Effect of 72-Dose Childhood Vaccine Schedule • Children's Health Defense

by Michael Nevradakis, Ph.D.

Drs. Paul Thomas and Kenneth P. Stoller and Stand for Health Freedom are suing the CDC, alleging the agency's failure to test the cumulative effect of its vaccine recommendations for children violates federal law and children's constitutional rights.

A summary of the article:

Both doctors previously paid a heavy price for questioning the hyper-vaccination program: Dr. Thomas had his license suspended five days after publishing a vaccinated vs. unvaccinated study which showed that unvaccinated children are healthier. Dr. Stoller lost his license for granting exemptions based on genetic vulnerabilities.

What the Lawsuit Alleges

No safety testing: Neither the CDC nor FDA has ever studied the long-term, combined effects of the full childhood schedule — despite two decades of warnings from the Institute of Medicine (2002, 2013). Twenty-seven years of silence: By law, HHS must file biennial reports to Congress on vaccine safety efforts. Not a single report has been issued since 1998.

Constitutional violations: The suit charges the CDC with violating the First Amendment (silencing dissenting doctors), the Fifth Amendment (due process and bodily integrity), and

the Administrative Procedure Act (arbitrary and capricious rulemaking).

What Plaintiffs Seek

Reclassify all childhood vaccines to Category B — shifting to shared decision-making, which would make medical exemptions far easier to obtain. Require rigorous safety studies comparing fully vaccinated vs. unvaccinated children before any return to a mandated schedule.

End retaliation against doctors — protecting physicians who issue exemptions based on individualized medical judgment. If successful, this lawsuit would not just expose the unlawful CDC hyper-vaccination program — it would mark a major victory for families seeking vaccine exemptions and for physicians fighting to practice real individualized medicine.

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God's Promises to Ishmael Fulfilled in the Arab States

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While it is common knowledge that the Arabs are descendants of Ishmael, few there are who seem to know what God promised to Ishmael and how this promise has been fulfilled in history. If they did, they would not now be playing the fool in the Middle East.

The Seed of Abraham

Ishmael was the son of Abraham by Hagar. He was therefore a Shemite (semitic), and his descendants were the "seed of Abraham." This is not to say that they were part of the "children of promise," for they were not. Even Esau, Jacob's twin brother, and the father of the Edomites and the Amalekites, was a Shemite (semitic), and his offspring the seed of Abraham; but they were not the "children of promise." We could say the same for the children of Abraham by Keturah. Though all of these were the "seed of Abraham," only the offspring of Abraham through Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, are the "children of promise."

In other words, the people who became known as Israel, and who were destined to become many nations, as per **Genesis 17:4–5**, and eventually a great and mighty nation as per **Genesis 12:2–3**, are not in any way to be confused with this other seed of Abraham. Neither are they to be confused with the Jews—as though Abraham was a Jew.

Our Lord makes this distinction in **John 8:37–44**. In speaking to certain of the Jews, Christ says,

"I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you."

In **verse 39** they contend that Abraham is their father, and our Lord does not deny it, but He does say,

"If ye were Abraham's children (or the children of promise), ye would do the works of Abraham."

What are we to gather from this? That these Jews to whom the Lord was speaking could claim Abraham as their father, but they were not Israelites—probably Edomites or Amalekites—simply Jews by religion, as are most Jews today. They had no more Israel blood in their veins than does Sammy Davis, Jr. (A famous Black American singer who converted to Judaism in 1960.)

The Incident of Ishmael

Ishmael and the Arabs, then, are the seed of Abraham. Abraham, you will recall, had left Ur of the Chaldees because God had promised him that if he would, He would make of him a great nation through whom all families or nations of the earth would be blessed (**Genesis 12:1–3**).

But Abraham was getting old, and his wife Sarah bore him no children. So, Sarah gave Abraham her handmaid, Hagar, to wife, and she bore him a son. And Hagar was told by the angel of the LORD to call his name, Ishmael (**Genesis 16:11**). And in **verse 12** she is told that her son was to be a "wild man, and every man's hand would be against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

Moffatt translates this verse: "He shall be a wild-ass of a man, his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him, defying all his kinsmen." Nothing more need be said about the character of the Ishmaelites.

To Dwell in the Presence of All His Brethren

But God also declares through His angel where the sons of Ishmael would dwell: "He shall dwell in the presence of all

his brethren."

What does that mean? Let us note some other translations of this text. The **Septuagint Version** says that he would dwell "in front of" his brethren. The **Revised Standard Version** says, "over against all his kinsmen." Goodspeed says, "He shall live on the outskirts of all his kindred."

And who are Ishmael's brethren, or kindred? The Israelites, or the "Isaac sons." In other words, in their future development, their home would be adjacent to, or on the outskirts of, Palestine. We shall look at this a bit more later on.

Ishmael's Inheritance

Let us now turn our attention to Genesis 17. Abraham is now ninety-nine years of age, and Sarah about ninety, and the possibility of childbirth on the part of either Sarah or himself seemed out of the question. And when God reiterates His promise that Sarah and he would have a son, Abraham replies, "O that Ishmael might live before thee." (Genesis 17:18)

In other words, let my seed come through Ishmael—the people who are to develop into a great and mighty nation.

But God says NO. In verse 19: "Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

Please keep in mind that Abraham was not a Jew. The word does not appear in the Bible for another thousand years or more, and never is it used of national Israel.

To Beget Twelve Nations

I would now direct your attention to a prophecy that most preachers and Bible teachers have chosen to ignore or leave completely alone. In **Genesis 17:20** God says, "As for Ishmael, I have heard thee. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make of him a great nation."

This is no idle prophecy. It is a statement of fact. The **Septuagint** translates **verse 20** in part with these words, "*He shall beget twelve nations.*" Before we comment further on this, let us turn to **Genesis 25:12–16** where the sons of Ishmael are given by name, and it is most significant that space is given in the Scriptures for this listing. Beginning with **verse 13**, we read:

- ¹³ "These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ¹⁴ and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,
- 15 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.
- ¹⁶ These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations."

Now as clearly as words can make it, twelve chiefs or "sheiks," as Moffatt translates it, would rule over their respective nations. Yet because of their racial tie, they would be one nation—a great nation.

A Large Land Area Needed

Surely national development, such as is described here, would need a large land area for its fulfillment. It would be a land given to the children of Ishmael by God. And no one would have the right to deprive them of their land.

Most people today, especially religious leaders, seem to forget this in their misguided zeal to give some of Ishmael's land to the Jews. Everybody is talking about the rights of the Jews, but nobody—almost nobody in Christendom—has either the wisdom or the courage to present the rights of the Arabs. You might even be led to believe that the Arabs had no rights—save what misguided preachers and politicians choose to give them.

Did God Keep His Promise to Ishmael?

We have considered the promises of God to Ishmael; but the question is, *Did God ever keep His promises or not? What does history show, or testify?* If history contends that God

kept His promise to Ishmael, if the children of Ishmael have developed nationally as God said they would, what right has any religious, racial, or political group to step in and take by force any portion of Ishmael's inheritance?

More often than not, any claim to Ishmael's inheritance is made on the mistaken assumption that God gave Palestine to the Jews, and it is still rightfully theirs. But the Jews are not a race and never were. A Jew is anyone who holds to the religion of Judaism and are classed today with Protestants and Catholics. Then they have no legitimate claim to Palestine whatever.

What is more, Israel was never to realize its great national development in little Palestine. It is too small. Way back in **Deuteronomy 32:8** we are told,

"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel."

If you limit Israel to a few million Jews, this verse has no meaning. When God divorced national Israel in about 721 BC, this was God starting them out on their westward trek to their new home. In **2 Samuel 7:10** David was apprised of this change of homeland, and here we read, "Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they might dwell in a place of their own, and move no more."

This new home had to be a land other than Palestine, for David was in Palestine when this promise and prophecy was made. Now this is a study all in itself, but I simply point it out to show the fallacy of teaching that Israel would someday return to the cradle that bore them in their infancy.

The Testimony of History

Again, what does history demonstrate as to the national development of Ishmael? Across Northern Africa today, there are six Arab States: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt,

and Sudan. Adjacent to them on the eastern end of the Mediterranean, and about the Red Sea, are six more Arab States, namely: Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia.

Each of these is an independent Arab State ruled over by a Sheik or prince, just as God said they would. These twelve Arab States testify to the faithfulness of God in His promise to Ishmael many hundreds of years ago. And in the recognition of this fact lies the solution of the Mideast crisis, and not in the false claims of the Jews.

In 1948, under the approval and help of the United Nations, some Zionist Jews forced their way into Palestine, partitioning the land, and a thirteenth State falsely called "Israel" was formed. It is a State formed in violation of all that is decent and holy and good, and there is nothing about it that even suggests it to be the land of regathered Israel.

Israel, according to the prophets, was to be established in the "top of the mountains" in these last days, or chief among the nations (Isaiah 2:2; Micah 4:1). Hosea 1:10 declares that they would be called, "The sons of the living God," which means that under the New Covenant promised to, and made with Israel, they would be a Christian people.

Now there is only one such nation in all the world that fits that description, and that is the United States of America. The people who came from England and Western Europe to found and build this country are, by every Biblical mark of identification, the once "lost sheep of the house of Israel." May we ever give thanks for this knowledge, and for the grace of God that led our eyes to the acknowledging of His Truth.

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A reader found this in her father's Bible.

Time to Live

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We urge ourselves on to goals that too often become ashes in our hands. To get the most of life we must take time to live.

Time to read good books; time to hobnob with thinkers, poets, explorers, adventurers, seers, and prophets.

Time to play with children and to discover again the fountain of youth.

Time for nature; time for flowers, trees, birds, and sunsets.

Time to love and be loved, for love is the greatest thing in the world.

Time for service; time to be a good neighbor, and to help make our community a better place in which to live.

Time for worship, for the spiritual stimulus of being in tune with the Infinite.

Yes, let us take time to live.

Let us pray as Matthew Arnold*, "Calm, calm me more nor let me die before I have begun to live!"**

^{*} **Matthew Arnold** (24 December 1822 – 15 April 1888) was an English poet.

^{**} quote from his poem Calm Soul of All Things