

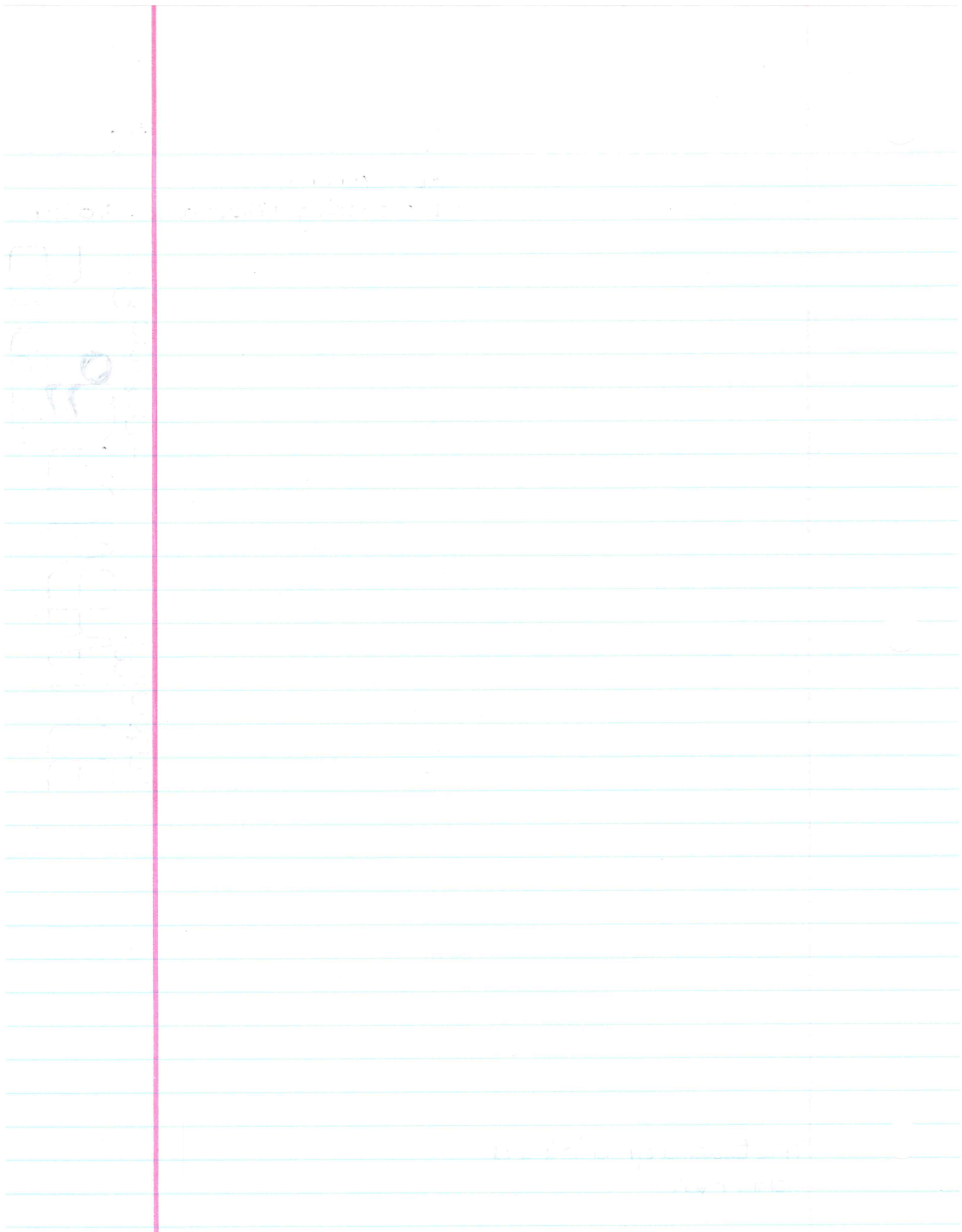
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God's Economy

-The Blessing Of Abraham... And You

SONGS OF DELIVERANCE
-Psalm 32:7-
Ministry

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- Gen 12:1-3

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- Key Verse: 11 Cor 9:8

- The Blessing of Abraham And You -

* God's Promise to Abram

1. "I will bless you." - Luke 6:38
2. "I will make your name great." - 1 Pet 5:6
3. "You will be a blessing." - Eph 4:28
4. "I will defend you." - 11 Tim 1:7
5. "You will bless all the families of the world with a Messiah, a Redeemer." - Matt 1:21-23

- Deut 28:1-14

* God defines "bless". * Notice, EVERY ONE of these blessings is material, not spiritual - i.e., peace, joy, etc.

* What about the curse? - Deut 28:15-68 What if I mess up?

- Gal 3:13,14

* Jesus took the curse specifically so that "the blessing of Abraham would come on the Gentiles." Here too, not just a spiritual blessing; All of Abraham's blessing!

- 1 John 2:1

* Don't sin! But if you fail, Jesus is our advocate; re-making the curse Himself by dying "on a tree".

* Understanding God's Wealth: Lk 12:32; Ps 112:1-3

1. You may enjoy it; and rejoice in it. - 1 Tim 6:17
 2. You don't worship, depend on, or covet wealth, just so you can have stuff. - 1 Tim 6:17a
 3. Abundance, extra, overflow, is for:
 - A. helping those who need. - Eph 4:28
 - B. fulfilling the covenant to bless all the families of the earth through Christ. - Gal 3:27,28; Deut 8:18
- * It costs money to spread the gospel!
- God poured out abundance on Abraham, because he understood the economy of God's Kingdom; the economy we live in.

- We are blessed to Be a blessing.
- Heb 11:8-10
 - God promised Canaan to Abraham and his seed. - Gen 15:18-21; 17:8
 - He believed God's promise, so he moved there. - Gen 12:4a
 - Abraham never Possessed the land of Canaan. - Heb 11:9, but God made him the wealthiest man in the region. Why?
 - Abraham understood his covenant. Blessed to bless. - Gen 12:2
- Look what he did when 3 strangers came down his road:
- Gen 18:1-8
 1. He ran, and fell at their feet.
 - He called THEM; "my lord", and himself, "thy servant"; the richest man in the land!
 2. He BEGGED them to let him give to them; "bless" them.
 3. "Tine flour", "a choice calf", "quickly", "he hastied". Abraham gave his best.
 - Plant good seed, get good harvest.
 4. He served them himself. - vs. 6, 7, 8 He didn't flaunt his wealth by making his servants wait on him and his guests. He served. - v. 8 "and he stood by them" as a servant does, awaiting orders. Wow!
- Abraham and his entire household understood that to continue to receive God's blessing, they had to use it as He instructed: "Be a blessing." - Gen 12:2
 - So, God kept increasing them!
- They were so blessed, that in chapter 13, the land couldn't support both him and Lot!
 - Did God keep on increasing them?
- Abraham died. God told Isaac, "Don't go to Egypt because of the famine. Stay in this land, and I will bless you as I did your father. - Gen 26:1-6
- Isaac was so blessed, he outgrew the land by himself! - 26:16
 - Follow God's economy, and live in the blessing God has for you. THEN BLESS OTHERS! Glory to God!