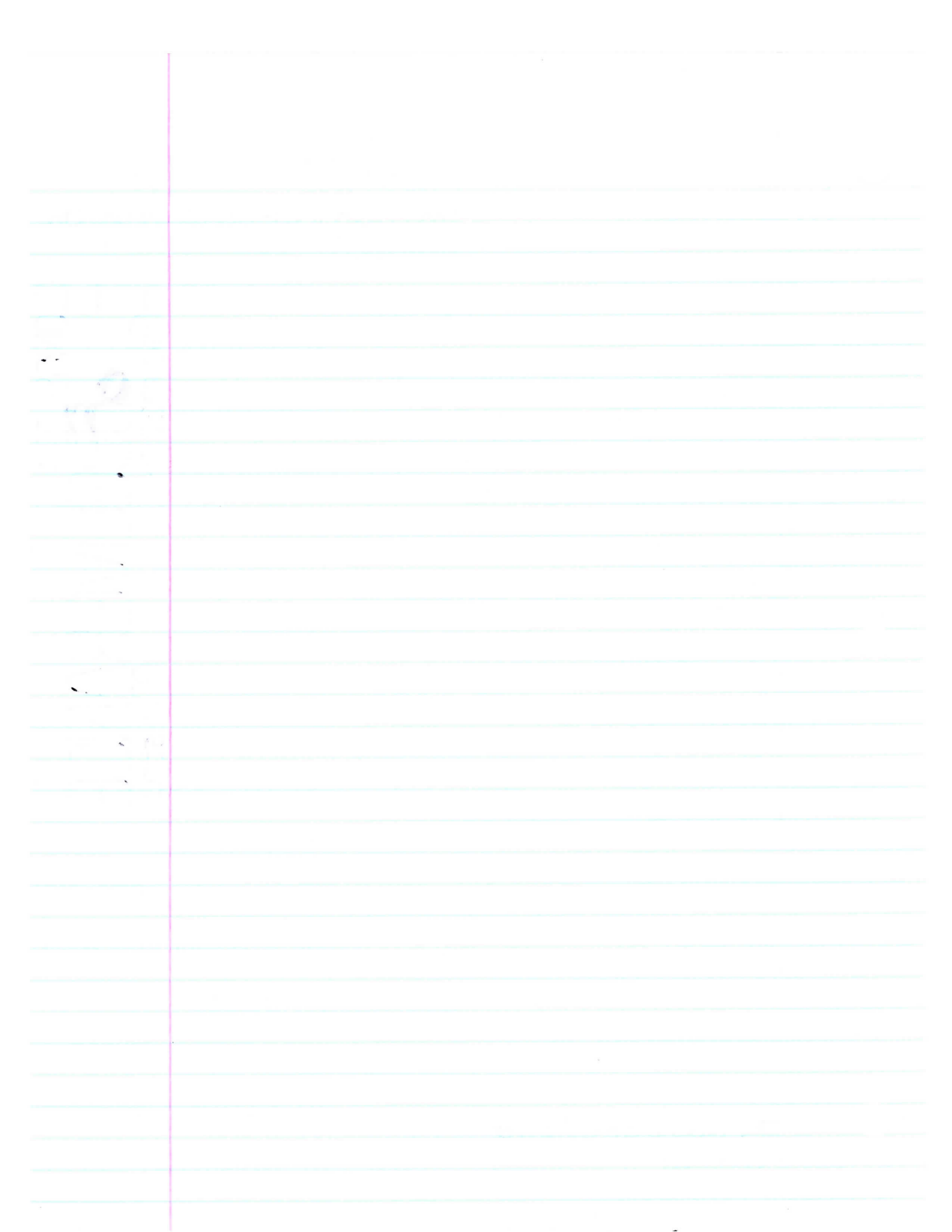


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Look From The Place Where You Are

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- Psalm 32:7 -
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Scripture Reading: Joshua 13:1-33

Key Verse: Genesis 13:14

"Moses had assigned" — Joshua 13:24 & 29

Moses assigned all of these tribes their portion in the Promised Land by faith. None of it had yet been conquered, and he never entered the Land of Canaan! God had promised the whole thing to Abraham, all those years ago.

Read: Genesis 13:14-18; 17:18-21

God said, "I gave you this land. Walk through it like it's already yours. Look north, south, east, and west. As far as you can see belongs to you." That promise has been extended to us through Jesus Christ. Like Abraham and like Moses, we need to see through eyes of faith to live in God's promises to us.

1: See It!

"Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever."

— Genesis 13:14 (KJV)

A: See bigger!

"Lift up now thine eyes"

You're only seeing what is around you. You're only seeing your little world. See ALL that God has for you! This

land that God was telling Abraham to see was going to be an everlasting possession. Here, the walls of Jericho would fall! Here, David would slay Goliath! Here, the temple of Solomon would stand. Here, the Son of God would come in the flesh! Here, He would become the blessing of all the families of the earth! Here, He will one day return, and move His own city, and dwell forever with those blessed families! Glory to God!

Can you SEE that big?
Can you see the eternal majesty of God's promise to you?

By faith, **you** are part of the blessed seed of Abraham.¹ You are part of that promised blessing through Christ, because He **WAS** the Seed who would bless all the families of the earth.² It was through this one offspring of Abraham that we are grafted into the family of Israel³ — of Abraham — by faith in Jesus.

So then, we being part of that lofty plan of God, ought to have as lofty a vision as Abraham had.⁴

How far **DID** Abraham "lift up his eyes?"

"For he **LOOKED** for a city which hath foundations,⁵ whose builder and maker God."

— Hebrews 11:10 (KJV — emphasis added)

¹ Galatians 3:7-9, 13-14, 26-29

³ Romans 11:17-20

⁵ Revelation 21:14

² Galatians 3:16

⁴ Hebrews 11:8-10

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God Himself had preached the gospel to Abraham¹ by telling him about his Seed, who would bless all of the families of the earth with salvation. He believed the gospel. His faith — like yours and mine — was counted as righteousness.

READ: Revelation 21:1 - 22:5

One day the Seed of Abraham — Jesus Himself — will move His entire capital city to earth.² He will sit on the throne of David³ in New Jerusalem, and rule forever.

"I heard a loud shout **from the throne**, saying, 'Look, God's home is now among His people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them!'"

— Revelation 21:3 (NLT — emphasis added)

"Then I heard a mighty voice **from the throne...**"

(AMP — emphasis added)

"Then I heard a loud voice **from the throne...**"

(HCSB — emphasis added)

The King James Version says, "And I heard a great voice **out of heaven**." That is not inaccurate, but "from the throne" identifies who is speaking.

¹ Galatians 3:8

² Revelation 21:2

³ Isaiah 9:7; Luke 1:31-33

"Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom; to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever.¹ The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this."

— Isaiah 9:7 (KJV — emphasis added)

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord shall give unto Him the throne of His father David:

And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end."

— Luke 1:32,33 (KJV — emphasis added — see also, v.31)

It is important that this voice from heaven came from the throne. Jesus, the promised Seed of Abraham sits on that throne in the New Jerusalem, coming down from heaven, where He will dwell and reign forever.

It is important because this is the end of the GOSPEL!

The same GOSPEL that was preached to Abraham!

THE ONLY GOSPEL!²

Why is this so important? Look what God says about Abraham, who received the gospel right from Him:

"By **FAITH**³ he (Abraham) sojourned in the Land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise."

¹Galatians 1:6-9 ²Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3 ³Galatians 3:6; James 2:23

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For he LOOKED FOR A CITY WHICH HATH FOUNDATIONS,
WHOSE BUILDER AND MAKER IS GOD."

- Hebrews 11:9,10 (KJV - emphasis added)

I wonder where Abraham got the idea to wander around
Canaan, looking for a city WITH FOUNDATIONS, built by God
HIMSELF. ?

READ: Revelation 21:1-27

"Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations,
and on them the names of the twelve apostles of the
Lamb."

- Revelation 21:14 (NKJV - emphasis added)

We are fairly certain that the writer of Hebrews was
not John. Yet he uses the same description John writes,
for New Jerusalem, the City of God, in Revelation, when he
describes the city Abraham searched for.

We know that God preached the gospel of the coming, first-
born, Seed. I believe God preached the ENTIRE "good news"
to Abraham, even how it would end. I believe God told
him that his Seed would, one day, rule from that God-built
city with multiple foundations. Abraham believed God.
So he packed up the boys - Isaac and Jacob - and went
looking for God's city!

Paul says that our prophecies are partial.¹ The prophecy¹
about Jesus in Isaiah 7:14, and 9:1-7 does not provide

¹ 1 Corinthians 13:9

every detail of His birth. We look back at those prophecies now with full revelation, because we have the Gospel accounts. If all you knew about Jesus' birth was Isaiah's prophecy, you might go looking for the child that was born.

Abraham believed the larger purpose of God, though he did not have the details. He performed his part of that purpose. In faith, he called himself by the name God gave him. "Father of a multitude." In faith, he moved to the land God gave him, though he never owned it.

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B: See farther!

"From the place where you are"

The journey of Abraham's life had only brought him to the southern borders of Canaan, the edge of God's promises. He left the old life, and the old family, to begin an entirely new race of people!

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

Behold, I will do a new thing;"

— Isaiah 43:18, 19A (KJV) (see also, 42:9)

Hebrews says Abraham went out without knowing where he was going.¹ He did not know where his faith would take him, but he believed the One who told him where it would end!

Other than God, who knows where life will lead?

¹ Hebrews 11:8

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Why not trust Him with where it will **LEAD**, and lift up your eyes to where it will **END**!

You and I are heirs by faith to all of these promises that God gave to Abraham. That means we are part of that big picture Abraham was able to see. Indeed, we

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may be the **END** of that vision! ~~We~~ are the descendants as numerous as the stars in heaven. We of all generations, do not dare be short-sighted, and small-visioned!

'Ever heard the term, "Big Finish"?

No show **EVER** finished as big as this one!

...and you and I are on center-stage!
"Break a Leg!"

Believe BIG!

See LONG!

Reach!

Go with the huge plan of God!
"Quit ye like men!"

2: Believe It!

"for all the land which thou seest"

You won't possess promises you can't see. You have to see yourself in what God has promised to you.

God has given me visions for the future of Songs Of Deliverance Ministry. One of those is a farm where repatriating men can live and work, as they return to society. In my mind, I see the lodge-style, log house. I see the two, long, greenhouses. I see the commercial kitchen where we will can produce from the farm. In my mind, it's laid out so big trucks can load and unload. I know where the property is. I can see it all.

What has God prepared for you?

If your answer is, "I don't know," then go to the beginning. It's time to lift up your eyes to your Father and say, "Show me. Cause me to see **YOUR** vision for me."

God will reveal to you what eyes cannot see, and what ears cannot hear, by His Spirit.¹ Jesus told His disciples that He spoke in parables because of those who did not want to see or hear, and repent, and be healed.

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Then He said, "But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear."
—Matthew 13:16 (NKJV)

Are your eyes and ears blessed?

If not, just open BOTH to the Teacher.²

¹ 1 Corinthians 2:9, 10 ² John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13

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Notice: John 16:13 says, "He will show you things to come," just like He did for Abraham. He will guide you into all truth. He won't let you forget.

3: Take It!

"to thee will I give it"

Isn't it amazing how we keep wandering back onto this same road? The way of faith.

Everything in the Kingdom of God
is a gift received by faith!

What you will see in God's Word, and believe, you will receive. "Have faith in God."

READ: Mark 11:11-26

When God shows you His vision for your life, you need to move into it by faith. Speak the vision. Act on the vision.

"Write the vision
and make it plain on tablets
That he may read who reads it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.¹

¹ Psalm 89:34

Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come, it will not tarry."
- Habakkuk 2:2,3 (NKJV - emphasis added)

Expect God to show you His vision for your future.
Then SEE God's vision. See it coming to pass as He promised it to you. Ask Him if your mental image is as big as His. Recently, God told me, "I'm going to do ten times what you've seen!" "Time for me to see bigger!"

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God told Abraham to walk up
and down in the land before it
was his, and He would give him
all that his feet touched.¹

God told Joshua that the land was
theirs; divide it among the tribes,
then go take it.

God has a "promised land" for you. It's yours. It's bigger
than you, and full of giants, but God gave it to you.
Take it! then...

4: Give it!

"and to thy seed forever."

Legacy. I hope one day to be the patriarch that my
father is. When I was one year old, he moved us to
Detroit, Michigan so he could attend Bible College.
At 85, he is still leaving a legacy of faithful service to
the Savior he loves. Through thick and thin, Mom has
been right there beside him.

Wherever your journey has taken you, there remains
a land of promises. It is yours, and a legacy to leave to

¹Genesis 13:17,18

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your children. They will see you walk with a God of miracles. They will see you cross your Jordan River to claim the mighty life of promise God calls "eternal life": milk and honey, cities you did not build, and vineyards you did not plant, and they will ask:

"What do these stones mean to you?"

READ: Joshua 4:1-7

What **DO** these stones mean to you?

To an entire generation of Israelites, there were no stones. They never made it that far! Perhaps your previous generation was not the example of faith. Their **God** is the same, whether they trusted Him or not. He is the One to whom we **all** will answer. To answer Him with **YOUR** faith.¹ We cannot live our parent's faith. We do not have to live their lack of faith.

Go into **YOUR** promised land!

Leave a godly legacy for **YOUR** children!

Leave behind a memorial that says, "Look what great things the **LORD** hath done!"²

"Lift up **your** eyes **now** and look from the place where **you** are"

- Genesis 13:14b (NKJV - emphasis added)

¹Romans 4:13-25

²1 Samuel 12:24

