

Almighty God, who has **dominion** over all things, has established a divine Will to be done on earth. (*St. Matthew 6:10*) Being born again by the Holy Spirit, we are God's beloved children and His heirs or beneficiaries of great Promises that He has established for us in His Will. (*Romans 8:16-17*) We are to come into possession of these great Promises by **Inheritance**. God Performs and manifests His Promises in our lives. (*St. Luke 1:45*) Every manifestation shows forth His Supernatural glory. He requires that we be spiritually strong to inherit His Promises. We are to be strong in two things belonging to Him: (1) strong in the **Lord** Himself and (2) strong in the Power of His **Might**. (*Ephesians 6:10*)

Being Strong in the Lord

To be strong in the Lord is to be strong in the **Faith** of the Lord to receive His Promises. The things that we inherit come from God's grace which requires "strong Faith." *Romans 4:16* declares, "Therefore it is of Faith that it might be by grace to the end the Promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all."

Lessons from the Faith of Abraham

First, God's Faith must operate in our spirit in a "strong way" to receive grace blessings from Him. When we were born again by the Spirit of God, we received a new spirit of Faith—a spirit to know, believe and speak what God has ordained for us. (*II Corinthians 4:13*) He requires that our spirit of Faith be built up to inherit our blessings. (*Acts 20:32*)

God said to Abram, "I have made thee a father of many nations. (*Romans 4:17*) God calls things that do not physically exist as though they already existed. Having decided and Promised Abram, in the Mind of God it was already done. In the fullness of time He would Perform and manifest it. Our Faith operates on what God has decided and calls us.

God had to get Abram to "agree" with Him by Faith or believe what He had said. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. (*Proverbs 23:7*) God had to build up Abram's "thinking" to receive this humanly impossible thing. Abram was 99 years old and his wife was 90. To build up his Faith thinking, God changed his name from Abram to Abraham which meant father of nations. Abraham had to receive this meaning. Each time he spoke his new name made Abraham "think" that he was a father.

- **"Talk" Vision, not Situation**—By "talking," Abraham was building his Faith up in God's grace to receive a child. As he became stronger in Faith, he began to consider not his own body which was now dead, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb. (*Romans 4:19*) We, too, must focus on God's Promises and "talk" them, not our situation. As he talked his new name, Abraham was thinking that he was a father, a requirement before he experienced fatherhood.
- **Do not "Stagger" at God's Promises**—Although it was humanly impossible, Abraham staggered not at the Promise of God through **unbelief**. Keep in mind, there is nothing too hard for God to Perform. (*St. Luke 1:37*)
- **Signs of "Strong Faith"**—Abraham became strong in Faith, no longer weak. Being strong, He "praised God" or gave glory to God. He became "fully persuaded" that what God had Promised, He was **able** also to perform it. (*Romans 4:20-21*) We, too, will become fully persuaded that God is able to Perform all His Promises.