

### #3 ~ Covenant – I Will Be Your God ~ TMG ~ 2023

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*Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

Genesis 12:1-3

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#### **God’s Everlasting Covenant with Abraham and All the Earth**

##### **• Genesis 12:1-3**

- A great name
- A great nation
- A great blessing
  - SO THAT...
    - *“in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

God’s covenant love and promises reach to the ends of the earth.

- Cf. Matthew 28:16-20 & Revelation 21-22.
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##### **• Genesis 15**

- *“I will be your shield... your reward will be great...”*
    - But who will it all go to? No heir!
      - With God, all things are possible.
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- The Covenant ceremony
    - Who and what is at stake?
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- “Know for certain...”
    - *Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (Heb 11:1)*
  - Waiting patiently... - for 430 years!
    - *“all these... did not received what was promised... - since God had provided something better for us...”*
  - We too can ‘know for certain...’
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### **The sign of the covenant**

- Hear the promises of God
  - Circumcision – a sign, not a condition
    - *a ‘setting apart’ FROM the nations... FOR the nations*
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### **What really matters now?**

- *neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation (Galatians 6:15)*
    - *...but only faith working through love (Galatians 5:6)*
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*That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all...*

Romans 4:16