

### Communion

# **Declaration**

Please read this Scripture and have a 1-min exhortation before getting people to stand up and make the declaration.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit. God has set in place in our world certain governing principles. One of these is the power of our words. Proverbs 18:21 reveals to us the power of our words.

You define the world you live in by the words you release into it.

Lets speak the promises of God. Lets speak faith. Lets speak positive. Lets speak life.

# **Additional Announcements**

Pastors, please make the following Announcements after declaration, before your message.

# 1, Pre-Service Prayer

We encourage everyone to please come 30mins before service starts to engage in a time of prayer and intercession. Let's all make it a point to do this, please.

# 2, 2015 Missions (show PPT)

Here is our "2015 Missions" schedule.

We'd like everyone to be involved: GO, PRAY, SEND.

In most places we go, we will be doing the:

KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE for pastors/leaders

FOUNDATIONS for youth/believers

SECRET PLACE which is an evening of worship and intercession

YOUTH CONCERT

You can be involved in many ways:

- In **TEACHING/MINISTRY** in these sessions
- As a PRAYER WARRIOR, praying on-location for participants and for the cities we go to
- WORSHIP and PERFORMING ARTS teams
- **LOGISTICS** helping out with registrations, book table, and other administrative tasks.

To prepare, please study our "Kingdom Builders" and "Foundations" books.

## Can also plan on taking kids along as an exposure.

Here are some of the key mission trips planned. Others will be updated shortly. This will be sent via email and you will also receive the APC 2015 Calendar in a week or two. (please go through the slides).



# Feb 3-4 (Tue-Wed): Nagpur, MH

KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE for 400 pastors from Nagpur/Vidarabha region

# Feb 19-20 (Thu-Fri): Mysore, KA

KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE for pastors in Mysore SECRET PLACE (Fri evening)

## April 8-10 (Wed-Fri), Varanasi, UP

KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE for 100 leaders from 6 North Indian states FOUNDATIONS for 50+ youth leaders from 6 North Indian states SECRET PLACE (Thu Evening)

# April 23-26 (Thu-Sun): Nashik & Kalyan

KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE (Nasik), (Thu, Fri) FOUNDATIONS (Nasik), (Thu, Fri) KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE (Kalyan), (Sat) APC-Kalyan, Sunday Service

# May 6-8 (Wed-Fri): Bhilai, Chattisgarh

KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE for about 200 pastors and christian leaders FOUNDATIONS: for young people SECRET PLACE (Thu Evening)

# June 08-13 (Mon-Sat): Tentative: Lithuania, Estonia, Turkey

KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE at each location

# July 23-26 (Thu-Sun): Pune, MH

KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE (Thu-Fri)
FOUNDATIONS (Thu-Fri)
SECRET PLACE (Fri evening)
YOUTH CONCERT (Sat evening)
Sunday service

During September will have a focused effort on reaching Mangalore.

Sep 01-12: (1.5 weeks, Tue-Sat) Experience Change! media-campaign in Mangalore

Sep 12-13 (Sat-Sun): Mangalore, KA

YOUTH CONCERT (Sat evening)



## URBAN YOUTH CONFERENCE (Sun)

Sep 20 (Sun): Mangalore - "Every Man's Battles" Men's Conference

Sep 27 (Sun): Mangalore - Women's Conference

Oct 22-25 (Thu-Sun): Berhampur, Orissa
KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE (Thu-Fri)
FOUNDATIONS (Thu-Fri)
SECRET PLACE (Fri evening)
YOUTH CONCERT (Sat evening)
APC-Berhampur Sunday Service

For more information please email: missions@apcwo.org

# Sunday February 01, 2015 The Life of Abraham (Part-3): Greater faith

We now move into looking at the final phase of Abraham's life in his journey of faith.

Abraham came to a place of faith in God and he received the fulfillment of the promise. Romans 4:17-21 describes the faith that Abraham had.

Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 years old.

#### Genesis 21:1-8

- 1 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken.
- 2 For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
- 3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac.
- 4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
- 5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
- 6 And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me."
- 7 She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."
- 8 So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned.

Isaac had grown into a young man, possibly in his 20's or 30's now. We are not sure of his exact age.

At this time, the Lord asks Abraham to do something, he probably never expected - to go to the land of Moriah, the regions surrounding Jerusalem, which was a 3 days journey



from where Abraham lived, and offer up Isaac, on one of those mountains, which most likely would have been at Calvary (Mount Gihon).

We read of this in Genesis 22:1-3
The amazing things is Abraham obeys God.
God stays Abraham's hand.
There are several lessons for us here.

# 1, Abraham made one of his greatest demonstrations of faith in God

Hebrews 11:17-19

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 of whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED,"

19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

It takes faith to journey into the promise of God for your life. <u>But it takes greater faith to stay true to God, once He has given you the promise</u>. <u>Our devotion and commitment is always to the PROMISE-GIVER and not just the PROMISE</u>. Abraham did just that and he is called the father of faith.

It takes faith to RECEIVE FROM God what He has promised to you. It takes faith to RELEASE TO God what He has given to you.

Abraham received Isaac by faith. By faith, also Abraham offered up Isaac back to God. Abraham is called the Father of faith, whose example we are called to follow (Romans 4:11,12).

# 2, In his moment of great obedience, Abraham received one of his greatest revelations of God

He understood God as Jehovah-Jireh.

Obedience is the place of revelation.

John 14:21

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Obedience is an expression of our relationship.

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

John 15:14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.



Obedience can come out of SERVITUDE or can come out of a RELATIONSHIP of love and friendship. Jesus has called us to obey because of love and friendship.

When we walk in obedience He takes our relationship to deeper levels.

#### James 2:21-23

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?
22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?
23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." And he was called the friend of God.

Abraham was called the friend of God. He became one because of his faith and obedience (works).

# 3, His obedience brought blessing and authority

Up until this time God had promised blessing on Abraham and his descendants. We now see God adding to that promise the blessing of authority.

Obedience is the place of blessing and authority - "your descendants shall posses the gate of their enemies".

### Genesis 22:16-18

16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—

17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

## Closing

Abraham a man like us, who walked in faith and obedience to God.

- Abraham the Hebrew (meaning "from the other side") (Genesis 14:13)
- Abraham the worshipper (Genesis 13)
- Abraham the intercessor (Genesis 18)
- Abraham the prophet (Genesis 20:7)
- Abraham the father of faith (Romans 4:11,12)
- Abraham the friend of God (James 2:23)





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