



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Genesis 17: 3-9

When Abram prostrated himself, God spoke to him:

"My covenant with you is this:

you are to become the father of a host of nations.

No longer shall you be called Abram;

your name shall be Abraham,

for I am making you the father of a host of nations.

I will render you exceedingly fertile;

I will make nations of you;

kings shall stem from you.

I will maintain my covenant with you

and your descendants after you

throughout the ages as an everlasting pact,

to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

I will give to you

and to your descendants after you

the land in which you are now staying,

the whole land of Canaan, as a permanent possession;

and I will be their God."

God also said to Abraham:

"On your part, you and your descendants after you

must keep my covenant throughout the ages."

Our Scripture Reflection

God makes a promise to Abraham that he will become the father of a people who will be His own. They will be given the mission of being the instrument for God's blessings throughout the earth. While God was always true to His covenant, His people were not. Jesus, however, was sent to set things right once and for all.

He did so through His Suffering, Death and Resurrection.

Food for your Journey

When was the last time anybody asked you, "Do I have your word?" Or when was the last time anybody said to you, "I give you my word," and you knew that you could trust that word, absolutely? How many times in the last few decades have we watched and listened to a political figure on television and heard him say, "I give you my word ..." and, shortly thereafter, that word has proven false? In the past year alone, how many people have perjured themselves publicly? Sworn on a Bible, given their word, and that word has been a lie? Words of honor are broken casually today, as though they don't matter.

Small wonder that when God tells us, "I give you my Word," few people take [God] seriously. "I give you my Word," said God, and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

--Madeleine L'Engle, *The Rock That is Higher: Story as Truth* (Wheaton, 1993).

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, You are faithful and true to Your promises. Help me, Lord, with all the distractions in daily life to remain focused on You and Your desires for me. Give me joy as I live Your way this day. Amen