



Lenten

Reflections

The Divine Intervention

April 6, 2017

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

Today's text recounts the covenant God made with His people through the great patriarch Abraham. Although God was faithful to His part of the covenant, His people were not. And even though God had every reason to end it all, He remained faithful and showed His fidelity by sending His only Son to be an everlasting covenant with His people. How good God is to us.

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

Dear Jesus, Thank you for always remaining faithful and true to me. May I, Lord, always strive to be faithful to You by living Your way. Amen.