



# It's yours, claim it!

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**ROMANS 4:16 NIV - (16)** Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

**NOTE: THIS IS NOT A "CLAIM IT, GET RICH, MONITERAIL" PROSPERITY MESSAGE.**

**WHAT PROMISE?** To understand God's plan in the nations, we have to understand that God made three promises to Abraham in **Genesis 12**. God gave Abraham three specific promises:

- **Land.** First, he promised Abraham a land, a specific location for his people.
- **Descendants.** Secondly, he promised Abraham descendants. **And, contextually, that would mean righteous descendants. The wicked are ultimately cut off, and so God's promising Abraham he'll have descendants that will be righteous.**
- **Blessing.** And thirdly, He's promising Abraham that the plan related to the first two promises would be blessing to all the nations.

God never makes promises He can't keep. His **mere Word** provides more security than a guaranteed loan or an A1 credit rating. Another promise made was to Abraham; God promised him that he would make him the father of many nations and that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. The big deal here was that Abraham and Sarah were both very old and their ability to make children in their younger years was naught, let alone as two senior citizens. But, as we have pointed out, when God makes a promise, it's a done deal!

Abraham believed God and constantly declared to many others the promise that God made, which was his way of claiming the promise of God in His life. That's the way it should be with us. Let us boldly claim the rewards that God has already declared He would provide.

Again, the promises to Abraham include that he would be heir of the world. Jesus Christ confirmed those promises and became Heir of them. **"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29)**! From the time of Abraham, God has been working to establish, preserve, and expand Abraham's family and fulfill His purpose.

**SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8:16-17**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** When you operate under His covering, it may be storming, but you'll be dry!