The question How does a Holy God- a Spirit Being have fellowship/relationship with physical man? His creation?





> What is FELLOWSHIP

God's desire is make man
 "in His own image" so that
 We become part of His Family



Identity at time of creation - in fellowship with God

- Although corrupted by sin
- Restored through relationship
- God will restore us back to Himself through Christ



> What is FELLOWSHIP?



Fellowship = "Relationship" in "Covenant"
 * "Relationship in Covenant" with a Holy God

> fellowship/relationship

Revealing of God's plan through His relationship with Abram Nation of Israel



Key - Fellowship = Worship
God trains Abram to Worship
Patterns in scripture

Prophetic & Instructive

Abram's Journey "real life"

God reveals Abram's life in detail



> success
> failure
> trials
> blessings
> results of disobedience

Relationship
Identity
Purpose

God's Covenant with Abram

COVENANTS

Part 1: Out of UR Part 2: Out of Haran Part 3: Into Canaan Part 4: God speaks to Abram Part 5: Abram builds altars/ Calls on name of the Lord Part 6: Crisis -famine Into Egypt Part 5: God is faithful





- > Worship
- Altars
- "Calling on the Name of the LORD"

Gen 12.5-7 Gen 12.8 Gen 13.3-4 Gen 13.17-18



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- > How do we see Worship?
- > Altars
- > "Calling on the Name of the LORD"





<u>Altar in Sichem</u> Gen 12.7& the LORD appeared unto Abram, & said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: & there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Altars
Calling on the Name of the LORD
Gen 13



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<u>Altar in Bethel/Ai</u> Gen 13.1 & Abram went up out of Egypt... 3 & he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel & Hai; 4Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: & there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

<u>Altar in Hebron</u> Gen 13.18 Then Abram removed his tent, & came & dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, & built there an altar unto the LORD.





> Altars

Calling on the Name of the LORD
How do we see Worship?

□ This is not saying Hi! to God ★

- (current events) "I am a believer" but no relationship with God
- obeying His Word

□ Worshipping Him involves ★

-Altars & "Calling on the Name of the LORD & obedience through fellowship





Almost all incidences of "Calling on the Name of the LORD" involves building of an altar & offering of a sacrifice

"Calling on the Name of the LORD" is not "casual friendship" according to man's ideas

OT: <u>Altar in Hebron</u> Gen 13.18 Then Abram removed his tent, & came & dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, & built there an altar unto the LORD.

NT: <u>Calling/worship/belief/fellowship</u> Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall "call upon the Name of the LORD" shall be saved.



Picture of Relationship to come

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Abram & Sarai in Egypt

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Doesn't
* "Call on the Name of the LORD
* Build an altar

Abram & Sarai in Egypt

Immature Relationship ? Learning like a child

in the states of

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- > "World"
- > Idolatry
- > Riches
- Temptation
- > Bondage

Contact with Egypt

Refuge
Provision
Sin

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"Egypt" Background in Scripture Gen 10.6 & the sons of Ham; Cush, Mizraim, Phut, Canaan. "Misr" is Egypt in Arabic used today!

world system idolatry of man (Pharoah-considered god) Grain, animals, armies, silver & gold Nile River

Abram's Journey to Egypt

Abram's pattern - out of his mouth

- Fear of man

- lying

#1

Gen 12--11& it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt,

that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou [art] a fair woman to look upon:

> 12Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This [is] his wife: & they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

Abram's pattern- becomes Sarai's lie

#1

Gen 12.13 Say, I pray thee, thou [art] my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; & my soul shall live because of thee.

#2 Gen 20.2 & Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: & Abimelech king of Gerar sent, & took Sarah

Abram's fear comes to pass

#1

Gen 12.14 & *it came to pass*, that, when Abram was come into Egypt,

the Egyptians beheld the woman that she [was] very fair.

15The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, & commended her before Pharaoh: & the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16& he entreated Abram well for her sake: & he had sheep, & oxen, & he asses, & menservants, & maidservants, & she asses, & camels.

-A.S. F. Starte

Abram prospers but picks up "excess baggage"
 Consequences emerge from disobedience

Abram's fear & lying inheritance

#1

Gen12.17& the LORD plagued Pharaoh & his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18& Pharaoh called Abram, & said, What [is] this [that] thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she [was] thy wife?

19Why saidst thou, She [is] my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take [her], & go thy way.

20& Pharaoh commanded [his] men concerning him: & they sent him away, & his wife, & all that he had. <u>Sin is contagious!</u> Abram's passes on his sin to his family & future generations

Gen 26.6& Isaac dwelt in Gerar: 7& the men of the place asked him of his wife; he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.

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#3

Gen 20.1& Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, & dwelled between Kadesh & Shur, & sojourned in Gerar.

2& Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: & Abimelech king of Gerar sent, & took Sarah.

3But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, & said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

the Idolatrous King warned in a dream

#3



Gen 20.4 But Abimelech had not come near her: & he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5Said he not unto me, She is my sister? & she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart & innocency of my hands have I done this.

6& God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, & he shall pray for thee, & thou shalt live: & if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

God intervenes with the Idolatrous King

#3

Gen 20.8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, & called all his servants, & told all these things in their ears: & the men were sore afraid.

9Then Abimelech called Abraham, & said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? & what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me & on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10& Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

Abram's "standard operating procedure" "Every Place" – at the start of his journey!

#3

Gen 20.11& Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; & they will slay me for my wife's sake.

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12& yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; & she became my wife.

13& it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. 14& Abimelech took sheep, & oxen, & menservants, & womenservants, & gave them unto Abraham, & restored him Sarah his wife.



Covenant -- "SEED" -- LAND

Fulfillment of the Promise - We as God's children inherit as--joint-heirs with Christ the blessings of Abraham

Gal 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham (covenant with Abram) might

1 come on the Gentiles (be transmitted) through Jesus Christ; that 2we might receive the promise of the Spirit (God's presence) through faith. (Abraham believed -counted to him as righteousness -had faith)

Gal 3. 16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham & to his seed.

He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. Abrahams Call And Gods Covenant

COVENANTS

To God Be the Glory !!

