

# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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## Background

Two Levels to the Abrahamic Covenant Genesis 12:1-3, 22:15-18

1. The descendents of Abraham (Jews) would be a great nation (Israel) & be the recipients of God's BLESSING.
2. The descendents of Abraham were blessed to be a BLESSING & from them the whole world would be blessed by the Savior, JESUS CHRIST.
  - The nation of Israel was to be a WITNESS to other people groups of the reality of God, ultimately climaxing in the revelation of the Savior, Jesus Christ. They were to understand this & be OBEDIENT to this MISSION.

## Application to the Church

We are BLESSED to be a BLESSING. We are to be MISSIONAL in our understanding of Christianity. Genesis 12:1-3

## Big Thought

The required response to the law (revelation of the Bible) is OBEDIENCE. Romans 2:12-13

- Hearing & knowing are not sufficient: DOING must be the RESPONSE.

**Example of Saul** I Samuel 15:22-23

- To obey is BETTER than sacrifice.

**Application** James 1:22-25

DON'T try to strike DEALS with God, instead, hear His Word & obey it.

## Insights

1. Obedience is much more than not doing some things; it also means DOING what God has CALLED you to DO.
2. God has put into the hearts of people to KNOW that there is a law HIGHER than themselves that governs them. Romans 2:14-15

## Challenge

Will you BELIEVE that obedience is the secret to being blessed & becoming a blessing?

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:** Read Romans 2:12-24, Genesis 12:1-3, 22:15-18, I Samuel 15:22-23, James 1:22-25, Deuteronomy 28:1-6 & Joshua 1:7-8. What do these sections of the Bible tell you about obedience? What does it mean that obedience is more than the don'ts, it is also the dos? Why is it important to understand that you are blessed to be a blessing?

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, February 7

Best Years Fellowship (age 50 or older) meets TODAY at 12 p.m. in the Activity Center. Individuals who traveled to Guatemala in January will be sharing.

## OASIS SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 7

College students come back TONIGHT for our Super Bowl party in the foyer/coffee shop. Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. We'll have pizza, snacks & drinks!

## FEBRUARY ONE THING

Brookings Food Pantry

This month we are teaming up with the Brookings Food Pantry. We will be collecting canned goods throughout the month of February to try to stock the food pantry's shelves for the rest of the school year. Here's how you can help: bring canned goods & place them in the boxes by the OneThing kiosk.



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