IT IS WRITTEN

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UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION.

"FOR THE CHILDREN BEING NOT YET BORN, NEITHER HAVING DONE ANY GOOD OR EVIL, THAT THE PURPOSE OF GOD ACCORDINGC TO THE ELECTION MIGHT STAND, NOT OF WORKS, BUT OF HIM THAT CALLETH; IT WAS SAID UNTO HER THE ELDER SHALL SERVE THE YOUNGER. AS IT IS WRITTEN, T JACOB HAVE I LOVED, BUT ESAU HAVE I HATED". ROM. 9:11-13.

DOES THIS SCRIPTURE TEACH THAT GOD UNCONDITIONALLY FOREORDAINED, PREDESTINED, ELECTED, OR CHOSE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF THE HUMAN RACE FOR ETERNAL LIFE AND THE REST FOR ETERNAL DAMNATION? WAS THIS CHOOSING WITHOUT RESPECTAS TO THEIR ACTIONS OR CHARECTAR? AND WAS IT SO DEFINITE IT COULD BE NEITHER INCREASED OR DEMINISHED?

THE CLAIM IS MADE THAT THIS PASSAGE AND OTHERS DO TEACH THIS DOCTRINE. TO SAY THAT GOD HAS SO DECREED, IS TO MAKE HIM DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMNATION OF EVERY LOST SOUL.

ALL OF OUR GOSPEL PREACHING, AND ALL OUR FIGHT AGAINST SIN WOULD BE FOR NAUGHT IF THIS DOCTRINE IS TRUE. DID GOD SETTLE, BY DECREE, THE FATE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL OF THE HUMAN RACEUNCONDITIONALLY, REGARDLESS TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL ACTS OR CHARECTAR?

WE KNOW IT WAS EITHER AN UNCONDITIONAL DECREE, OR A PROPHETIC STATEMENT OF GOD REVEALING THE FUTURE OF THESE UNBORN BOYS TO THEIR MOTHER, REBECCA WHICH WAS IT?

SINCE THE TRUTH IS ALL WE WANT LETS GO TO THAT UNFAILING STORE HOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE, GOD'S WORD, AND SETTLE THERE.

WE FIND A RECORD OF THIS IN THE 25 CHAPTER OF GENESIS.

WE SEE A STRUGGLE BETWEEN THESE BOYS BEFORE THEY WERE BORN.-GEN.25:22.

WE SEE REBECCA GOING TO THE LORD TO SEE WHY THIS WAS SO.-GEN.25:22.

THE LORD SAID UNTO HER, "TWO NATIONS ARE IN THY WOMB, AND TWO MANNERS OF PEOPLE SHALL BE SEPARATED FROM THY BOWLES". GEN.25:23.

THERE IS NO DECREE HERE-, JUST A PLAIN STATEMENT OF FUTURE FACTS;-"TWO NATIONS"--"TWO MANNERS OF PEOPLE"--. THERE ARE ONLY TWO MANNERS OF PEOPLE-; THE ONE, IS THE GOOD, AND THE OTHER IS THE BAD, OR WICKED.

NO, "THEY WERE NOT YET BORN NEITHER HAD DONE ANY GOOD OR EVIL", -BUT GOD LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, FORETOLD HER THE CHARECTAR OF THESE TWO UNBORN BOYS. THE NEXT FEW VERSES ATTESTS TO THE CHARECTAR OF THESE TWO BOYS. GEN. 25:29-34, SHOWS ESAU "SELLING" HIS BIRTHRIGHT FOR A MESS OF POTTAGE. YES, JACOB WAS LOOKING TWORD OBTAINING THE SPIRITUAL, WHILE ESAU MADE HIS FLESHLY APPITITE FIRST; AND HE SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT TO SATISFY IT FOR A MESS OF POTTAGE. AND INSPIRATION SAYS; "THUS ESAU DESPISED HIS BIRTHRIGHT". GEN.25:34.

READ THE 27 TH. CHAPTER AND SEE WHERE HE HAD TRIED TO REGAIN THAT WHICH HE HAD HONESTLY BARGAINED AND SOLD

WHY DIDN'T HE SAY; FATHER I SOLD THAT BIRTHRIGHT TO JACOB; THE BLESSINGS ARE HIS? NAY, VARILY, HE TRIED TO REGAIN FOR NOTHING THE BIRTHRIGHT HE HAD VALUED SO CHEAPLY; AND JACOB AND HIS MOTHER HAD TO RESORT TO STRATEGY TO OBTAIN THAT WHICH HE HAD HONESTLY BOUGHT, THE BIRTHRIGHT WITH ITS ATTENDANT BLESSINGS.

PAUL BEARS WITNESS TO THIS IN HEB.12:16, WHERE HE CALLS ESAU A FORNICATER OR PROFANE PERSON; AND SAYS HE "SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT".

YES ESAU GOT WHAT HE BOUGHT, A MORSEL OF MEAT: AND HAD TO GIVE UP WHAT HE SOLD, THE BIRTHRIGHT.

HENCE, WE SEE IT WAS NOT UNCOMNDITIONAL ELECTION, BUT GOD LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE SAW WHAT KIND OF CHARECTARS THESE TWO BOYS WOULD BE, AND FORETOLD ITV TO REBECCA. AND BEING A JUST GOD HE COULD NOT REWARD THE WICKED AND SEND THE RIGHTEOUS AWAY EMPTY, HE ALSO TOLD HER, "THE ELDER SHALL SERVE THE YOUNGER". YEARS LATER HE SAID "JACOB HAVE I LOVED, AND ESAU HAVE I HATED".

THE PURPOSE OF GOD IS TO GATHER ALL IN ONE,EVEN IN CHRIST.EPH.1:9-10.
WE ARE CALLED BY THE WILL OF GOD,1 COR 11;-ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE ROM.8:28HENCE WE SEE THOSE WHO ANSWER THE GOSPEL CALL AREC THE ONES THAT ARE GATHERED TOGATHER IN ONE, IN CHRIST;AND IT IS NOT AN UNCONDITIONAL CALLING.
WE ALSO SEE THAT THE PREDESTINED WERE TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON.ROM.8:29 HENCE.WE SEE IT WAS NOT A DECREE WITHOUT A "CONFORMING TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON".
BUT IN ROM.8:30;WE SEE,"WHOM HE DID PREDESTINATE,THEM HE ALSO CALLED; AND WHOM HE CALLED, THEM HE ALSO JUSTIFIED;AND WHOM HE JUSTIFIED,THEM HE ALSO GLORIFIED".
BY THIS WE SEE THE FOREORDAINED,PREDESTINATED,CALLED,CHOSEN,JUSTIFIED, AND GLORIFIED;ARE ALL THE SAME CLASS;THOSE WHO HAVE CONFORMED THEMSELVES TO THE IMAGE OF GOD'S SON.ROM.8:29.
PAUL SHOWS THAT THE PREDESTINATION IS ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL.EPH.1:5.
HENCE,WE MUST GO TO HIS "WILL" TO LEARN HOW TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON AND THEREBY BE ONE OF THE PREDESTINED TO LIFE.
AND SINCE WE SEE IT IS ACCORDING TO THE KIND OF A LIFE WE LIVE AND NOT AN UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION;WE CAN SEE AS PAUL SHOWS ,THERE IS NO UNRIGHTEOUSNESS WITH GOD.ROM.9:14.BUT THERE WOULD BE IF THIS DOCTRINE OF UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION WAS TRUE.
BUT WE SEE IN ROM 9:15, THAT GOD SHOWS "MERCY" AND "COMPASSSION" ON WHOM HE WILL" AND WHO ARE THEY BROTHER?NOTE THE FOLLOWING TO SEE.
FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.ECCL.12:13.
GOD WILL BRING EVERY WORK,GOOD OR BAD INTO JUDGMENT.ECCL.12:14.
THEY WHICH DO HIS WILL,ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM.----------MATTH.7:21.
GOD IS WITH THOSE WHO DO ALL THINGS THAT ARE COMMANDED.MATTH.28:19-20.
JESUS IS THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION TO THEM THAT OBEY.HEB.5:8-9.
THEY WHICH DO HIS COMMANDMENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE.REV. 22:14 .THOSE ARE THE ONES WHOM HE HAS WILLED TO HAVE "MERCY AND COMPASSION".ROM.9:15. SO THEN IT IS NOT OF HIM THAT "WILLETH".ROM.9:16.
SURE BROTHER,THAT IS TRUE.MANS "WILL",AS TO HOW REDEMPTION IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED,IS NOT CONSULTED;--"IT IS NOT OF HIM THAT WILLETH".
BE SURE BROTHER,YOU HAVE NOT GOT SOME WORK,SOME INSTITUTION,OR OTHERWISE,THAT IS OF YOUR OWN "WILL" AND NOT FROM THE "WILL" OF GOD.
NO,NOR "HIM THAT RUNNETH"-.ROM.9:16.JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE "RUNNING", MAKING GOOD PROGRESS FROM A HUMAN STANDPOINT,IS NO REASON YOU ARE RIGHT.
IN OLDEN TIMES MEN "RAN" TO TELL THINGS GOD HAD NOT SPOKEN.JER.23:21-22.
THEY SPOKE OUT OF A VISION OF THEIR OWN EVIL HEARTS AND NOT OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.JER.23:16-17.
NO,IT IS NOT OF HIM THAT WILLETH NOR OF HIM THAT RUNNETH,BUT OF GOD WHO HASSHOWN,OR SHOWETH,MERCY.ROM.9:16.
AND SINCE "IT IS OF GOD"; WE MUST GO TO WHERE GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF; TO HIS "WILL",HIS "WORD",AND LEARN FROM HIM.
THERE ARE AC LOT OF THINGS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AS WELL AS IN OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS,THAT MAN HAS "WILLED",AND ARE "RUNNING" TO DESIMINATE AMONG THE PEOPLE ,WHICH ARE NOT "OF GOD".WE SHOULD BE ASHAMED.

PHAROAH WAS A MAN OF AN IRON "WILL",WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO "WILLETH" WITHC RESPECT TO ISRAEL.
BUT READ THE ACCOUNT IN EXOD.CHAPTERS FIVE TO FOURTEEN,AND SEE THE MISERABLE FAILURE OF HIS WILL,AND THE TRIUMPH OF THE WILL OF GOD.
GOD RAISED THIS MAN,OF THIS TYPE,UP TO SHOW HIS POWER AND DECLARE HIS NAME.ROM.9:17. GOD USES WICKED MEN IN THIS WAY.SEE DAN.4:17;IS.10:5-7; IS.45:1-5.
BUT SAYS ONE,IN ROM.9:18,GOD SAYS,"WHOM HE WILL HE HARDENETH";AND IN EXOD.7:3 AND 7 GOD SAYS HE HARDENED PHAROH'S HEART".
SURE,BUT SEE GOD'S WORD AND SEE WHAT CLASS OF MEN HE HARDENS.
THOSE,"WITH ALL DECEIVABLENESS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IN THEM THAT PERISH" 2 THES.1:10.

THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.---
2 THES. 1:10.
FOR THIS CAUSE HE SENDS A STRONG DELUSION --------- ----- 2 THES.1:11.
THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE. - - - - - - - - - - - - -2 THES.1:11.
THAT THEY ALL SHOULD BE DAMNED WHO BELIEVE NOT THE TRUTH.-2 THES.1:12.
THOSE WHO HAVE PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. - - - - - -2 THES.1:12.
THEY SET UP AN IDOL IN THEIR HEARTS. - - - - - - - - - - -EZEK.14:4 AND 7.
THEY PUT THE STUMBLING BLOCK OF THEIR INIQUITY BEFORE THEIR FACE.EZ.14:4.
THEY COME TO GOD WITH AN IDOL IN THEIR HEARTS. - - - - - - - -EZEK.14:4.
GOD ANSWERS THEM ACCORDING TO THE MULTITUDE OF THEIR IDOLS.EZEK.14:4.
TURN AND READ CHAPTERS FIVE TO FOURTEEN OF EXODUS,AND YOU WILL SEE THAT PHAROAH WAS THIS KIND OF A CHARECTAR;AND GOD HAS MADE HIM AN EXAMPLE TO US NOT TO FOLLOW OUR OWN "WILLS", BUT THE "WILL OF GOD".
2 PETER 1:5-11 SHOWS OR CALLING AND ELECTION. IS NOT UNCONDITIONAL;BUT IF WE ADD THOSE CHRISTIAN GRACES WE MAKE OUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE.
HENCE,PAUL'S CONCLUSION IN THE EIGHTEENTH VERSE;"THEREFORE,HATH HE MERCY ON WHOM HE WILL HAVE MERCY;AND WHOM HE "WILL" HE HARDENETH".
YES,HE HAS "WILLED" TO HAVE MERCY ON THE OBEDIENT. - -HEB.5;8-9.
HE HAS "WILLED" TO HARDEN THOSE WHO RECEIVE NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED;2 THES.1:10-12:AND THOSE WHO HAVE SET UP AN IDOL IN THEIR HEARTS AND HAVE PUT THE STUMBLING BLOCK OF THEIR INIQUITY BEFORE THEIR FACE--.EZEK.14:4 AND 7.

BUT PAUL SEES ANOTHER CLASS WHO MIGHT ATTEMPT TO DODGE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OBEYING THE "WILL" OF THE LORD .HEAR HIM IN ROM:9:19;
" THOU WILT SAY UNTO ME,WHY DOETH HE YET FIND FAULT?WHO HATH RESISTED .HIS WILL"ROM.9:19. NOW HEAR PAUL'S ANSWER.
" NAY BUT WHO ART THOU O MAN THAT REPLIEST AGAINST GOD?SHALL THE THING FORMED SAY UNTO HIM THAT FORMED IT,WHY HAST THOU MADE ME THUS? HATH NOT THE POTTER POWER OVER THE CLAY OF THE SAME LUMP TO MAKE ONE VESSEL UNTO HONOR,AND ANOTHER UNTO DISHONOR"? ROM.9:20-21.

HOW DOES A POTTER DEAL WITH HIS CLAY ANYHOW? DOES HE MAKE A VESSEL UNTO HONOR OUT OF BAD CLAY,CLAY THAT MARRS IN HIS HAND?OR DOES HE MAKE VESSELS UNTO HONOR OUT OF GOOD CLAY,CLAY THAT DOES NOT MARR IN HIS HAND; AND MAKE VESSELS OUT UNTO DISHONOR OUT OF THE BAD CLAY THAT MARRS IN HIS HAND?WHY NOT LET GOD'S WORD SETTLE IT?WILL YOU?

TURN TO THE EIGHTEENTH CHAPTER OF JERMIAH .
HE GOES TO THE POTTERS HOUSE TO LEARN GOD'S WORD. - --JER.18:1-3.
THE POTTER WROUGHT A WORK UPON THE WHEELS. - - - - -JER.18:3.
BUT THE VESSEL THAT HE MADE ,MARRED IN HIS HAND.------JER.18:4.
WHAT DID THE POTTER DO THEN ,FRIEND?DID HE GO AHEAD AND MAKE A VESSEL UNTO HONOR OUT OF THAT CLAY ANYHOW?
NO.INDEED,MY DEAR SIR,HE MADE A VESSEL ACCORDING TO THE CLAY HE HAD.
" SO HE MADE IT ANOTHER VESSEL AS IT SEEMEE GOOD UNTO THE POTTER TO MAKE IT." JER.18:4.NO CLAY LOST ;THERE WAS TO BE A VESSEL OF SOME KIND.AND SO IT IS WITH UB;IF WE MARR IN THE POTTERS HAND,HE WILL MAKE US AGAIN A VESSEL AS IT SEEMS GOOD TO HIM.YOU ARE GOING TO BE A VESSEL OF SOME KIND;AND IT RESTS WITH YOU WHETHER YOU MARR IN HIS HAND,OR BE GOOD CLAY IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER.
HEC SHOWS ISRAEL IS IN HIS HAND AS THE CLAY IS IN THE POTTERD HAND . JER.18:5-6;
IF THEY ARE GOOD CLAY,CLAY THAT WILL NOT MARR IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER HE WILL MAKE THEM A VESSEL UNTO HONOR.
IF THEY ARE REBELIOUS CLAY,CLAY THAT MARRS IN HIS HAND;HEC WILL MAKE THEM A VESSEL UNTO DISHONOR. (JER 18:4).
IS THIS UNCONDITIONAL CALLING OR ELECTION?
NAY,VERILY; THE CONDITIONS ARE WILL YOU BE REBELIOUS AND MARR IN THE POTTERS HAND;OR WILL YOU BE GOOD CLAY IN HIS HAND SO HE MAY MAKE OF YOU THROUGH HIS WORD,A VESSEL UNTO HONOR?REMEMBER,YOU WILL BE A VESSEL. IF YOU MARR IN HIS HAND,HE WILL MAKE YOU ANOTHER VESSEL THAT SEEMS GOOD TO HIM.

SEE THE FOLLOWING VERSES;A WONDERFUL LESSON.
HE TAKES A NATION OR KINGDOM HE HAS DETERMINED TO DESTROY.-JER.18:7.
BUT IF THEY WILL REPENT;HE WILL REPENT AND NOT DESTROY THEM.JER.18:8.
HE TAKES A NATION HE HAS DETERMINED TO BUILD.- - - - - - -JER.18:9.
IF THEY DO EVIL,HE WILL REPENT OF THE GOOD HE THOUGHT TO DO TO THEM.--JER:10.
YES,THEY LIKE THE REBELIOUS CLAY,MARR IN HIS HAND,DO EVIL,AND HE REPENTS OF THE GOOD HE THOUGHT TO DO UNTO THEM. HE MAKES THEM AGAIN ANOTHER VESSEL THAT SEEMS GOOD TO THE POTTER,A VESSEL UNTO DISHONOR.

WHILE IN THE FIRST CASE,JER.18:7-8;THEY ARE DOING EVIL;ALREADY MARRED IN THE POTTERS HAND; THEY REPENT,"PURGE THEMSELVES FROM THESE" 2 TIM.2:20-21;THEY "BECOME VESSELS UNTO HONOR,SANCTIFIED;AND MEET FOR THE MASTERS USE,AND PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK".2 TIM.2:20-21.
DEAR FRIEND,DOES THIS SOUND LIKE UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION TO YOU?
NAY VERILY-THOSE THAT ARE BEING FORMED MAY MARR IN THE POTTERS HAND, AND HE WILL MAKE THEM AGAIN ANOTHER VESSEL THAT SEEMS GOOD TO THE POTTER JER.18:4;AND IT ISN'T HARD TO SEE THAT THAT WILL BE VESSELS UNTO DISHONOR.
BUT IF IN THIS GREAT HOUSE THEY ARE VESSELS UNTO DISHONOR,2 TIM.2:20; "MARRED IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER",JER.18:4;IF THEY PURGE THEMSELVES FROM THESE,2 TIM.2:20-21; THEY ARE THEN VESSELS UNTO HONOR,SANCTIFIED, MEET FOR THE MASTERS USE,AND PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK.2 TIM.2:20-21.
VERY VERY MUCH CONDITIONAL,IF YOU PLEASE.

PAUL TAKES "VESSELS OF WRATH FITTED TO DISTRUCTION".------ --ROM.9:22.
ON THEM GOD WILL SHOW HIS WRATH AND MAKE KNOWN HIS POWER.-ROM.9:22
WHY BROTHER? THEY WERE BAD OR REBELIOUS CLAY,-THEY MARRED IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER; HE MADE THEM AGAIN ANOTHER VESSEL THAT SEEMED GOOD UNTO THE POTTER TO MAKE IT.JER. 18:4.

HE TAKES VESSELS OF MERCY HE HAS AFORE PREPARED UNTO GLORY.ROM.9:23.
ON THEM,GOD WILL MAKE KNOWN THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY.- -ROM.9-23.
WHY IS THIS BROTHER?THE ONLY ANSWER COULD BE;THEY WERE GOOD CLAY IN THE POTTERS HAND AND DID NOT MARRIN HIS HAND.JER.18:4.

WHY HAS GOD CALLED THEM HIS PEOPLE WHICH WERE NOT HIS PEOPLE;AND HER BELOVED WHICH WERE NOT BELOVED? ROM.9:25.
THE ONLY ANSWER IS;
THEY WERE VESSELS UNTO DISHONOR,IN A GREAT HOUSE - - - - 2 TIM.2:20-21.
THEY PURGED THEMSELVES FROM THESE. - - - - - - - - - --2 TIM.2:20-21.
AND THEY BECAME VESSELS UNTO HONOR,SANCTIFIED,AND MEET FOR THE MASTERS USE,AND PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK.2 TIM.2:21.
AND THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF ALL THAT IS IN ROM.9:26.
HE TAKES ISRAEL AND SHOWS ONLY A REMNENT SAVED. - - - - -ROM.9:27.
ONLY A REMNENT PURGED THEMSELVES FROM THESE AND BECAME VESSELS UNTO HONOR,SANCTIFIED,AND MEET FOR THE MASTERS USE AND PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK.2 TIM.2:20-21.
ISRAEL AS A WHOLE HAD BEEN GOD'S PEOPLE;THEY HAD SINNED,MARRED IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER;THEY HAD BECOME VESSELS UNTO DISHONOR.
WHEN THE GOSPEL AGE CAME ON THEY NEVER PURGED THEMSELVES FROM THESE 2 TIM.2:20-21,THEY REMAINED VESSELS UNTO DISHONOR.

WOULD YOU CALL THIS UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION? IT IS AS FAR FROM IT AS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS FROM UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

IT IS SAD INDEED THAT THIS DOCTRINE OF UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION IS PREVELANT AMONG THE PEOPLE,AS IT CAUSES THEM TO SEE NO HOPE BUT WAIT TILL THE JUDGMENT TO SEE WHERE GOD HAS PLACED THEM.
IT MAKES OUR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY SOUL THAT IS DAMNED;WHICH IS AN AWFUL INDIGHTMENT FOR ANY ONE TO BRING AGAINST GOD.

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A GREAT MANY TRY TO MAKE ABRAHAM A CASE OF UNCONDITIONAL CHOOSING OR ELECTION;BU AN EXAMINATION OF THE RECORD WILL SHOW THIS IS FAR FROM THE TRUTH.

ABRAHAM WAS COMMANDED,"GET THEE OUT OF THY COUNTRY,AND FROM THY KINDRED, AND FROM THY FATHERS HOUSE,TO A LAND I WILL SHOW THEE". GEN.12:1.
AND I WILL MAKE OF THEE A GREAT NATION. - - - - - - -- - - -GEN.12:2.
PAUL SAYS;"BY FAITH HE OBEYED" - - - - - - - - - - -HEB.11:8.
BY FAITH HE SOJOURNED. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - HEB.11:9.
HE DID SOMETHING.THERE WERE CONDITIONS TO BE OBEYEDAND HE OBEYED.

GOD TOLD ABRAHAM,WALK BEFORE ME AND BE THOU PERFECT. --GEN.17:1
WOULD THIS NOT BE A GREAT BIG JOB FOR ANY ONE?BUT HEAR THE PROMISE THAT FOLLOWED. "AND I WILL MAKE MY COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND THEE--"GEN.17:2.

GOD PUT ONE OF THE GREATEST TESTS ON ABRAHAM A HUMAN BEING EVER UNDERWENT.GEN.22ND CHAPTER.
THE RECORD SAYS HE OBEYED. GEN 22:16 AND 22:18.
THE LORD SAID OF ABRAHAM;"I KNOW HIM,THAT HE WILL COMMAND HIS CHILDREN AND HIS HOUSEHOLD AFTER HIM,AND THEY SHALL KEEP THE WAY OF THE LORD, TO DO JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT- -- -". GEN.18:19.

THERE IS NO ROOM HERE FOR "FAITH ONLY",OR "UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION";FOR THIS MAN "OBEYED" .HE DID WHAT GOD COMMANDED HIM TO DO.

BRETHREN,LETS NOT BE AMONG THEM THAT "WILLETH"(DO OUR OWN WILL),ROM;9:16;
BUT DO THE WILL OF GOD,MATTH 7:21; OBEY HIM,HEB.5:8-9.
LET US NOT MARR IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER,JER.13:4,BUT BE VESSELS UNTO HONOR IN THE GREAT HOUSE,2 TIM.2:20;AND GOD WILL MAKE KNOWN THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY IN US.ROM.9:23.

IF WE ARE ALREADY MARRED IN THE HAND OF THE POTTER,JER.18:2&4; VESSELS OF DISHONOR,2 TIM.2:20; LET US PURGE OURSELVES FROM THESE AND WE WILL BE VESSELS UNTO HONOR,SANCTIFIED,AND MEET FOR THE MASTERS USE,AND PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK.2 TIM.2:21.
PURIFY OUR SOULS BY OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT--.1 PET.1:22-23.

MAY GOD BLESS USX ALL IN ATTAINING TOO,AND MAINTAINING THE UNITY FOR WHICH JESUS PRAYED IS MY PRAYER.

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