

# **Trinity Bible Church**

*The Carpenter's House*

**September 6, 2009**

*Abram's Character*

*Genesis 14:21-24*

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*Please join us for refreshments between services*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday	Sep 6	The Lord's Table.
Wednesday	Sep 9	The Millennial Kingdom.
Saturday	Sep 12	Men's Fellowship Breakfast.
Wednesday	Sep 16	Bible Class
Thursday	Sep 17	State Fair Begins.

- \*\* There are opportunities again this year to participate with Child Evangelism Fellowship at the State Fair. Please be in prayer about joining in. You need to call them to sign up.
- \*\* Each Saturday some of the men are meeting at Olde Orchard at 0800 and then going to the church to pray for our nation and church. All men are invited.
- \*\* The trip to East Africa has been postponed until January. Leonard and Charlie Stillion will be on this trip. If you are able and are led to help with expenses please designate your missions check as "Africa 2010 Trip."

	June	Total 2009	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 5,882.00	\$54,329.91			\$16,049.00
Expenses	6,834.10	50,343.88			16,669.00
Balance	-952.10	3,986.03	\$13,797.28	\$ 9,201.74	-620.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

*The Lord's Table*

*The Message:  
Accept His Promises*

*Abram's Character*  
*Genesis 14:21-24*

**Gen 14:21 = The King of Sodom's Offer to Abram.**

14:21 L.T. And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the souls to me and take the goods for yourself."

**Summary:**

1. Notice that the King of Sodom was the leader of those who were exceedingly wicked, and that nothing is said of him honoring Melchizedek.
2. These two commands are from the mouth of Satan. Matt 4:1-11
  - A. His overriding desire is to take God's place.
  - B. His desire is to place all under his authority.
  - C. His objective is the souls of men.
  - D. His tools are the things of the world.
  - E. His offers appear to be generous.
3. Kings are kings because they have subjects and things are used as tools to rule.
4. Therefore, at this point in time the King of Sodom wanted to regain his subjects, so he barter with the things as a political ploy.
  - A. Evil people think that others think like they do.
  - B. Most kings would expend their people to keep their things.
  - C. The Kings from Sumer might regroup and come back looking for their "things" because they believed they were owed them.
  - D. The King of Sodom probably believed that Abram would fight to keep his new "things" for after all he had won them.

**Principle: After great Victories come great Temptations.**

**Gen 14:22 = Abram's Oath.**

14:22 L.T. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the Lord God Most High, owner of heaven and earth,

**Summary:**

1. Abram is telling the king of Sodom in front of Melchizedek of his oath to YAHWEH EL ELYON.
2. It was universally recognized that failure to keep an oath made to a god would bring the wrath of that god, so even the king of Sodom would know this.
3. Abram must have made the oath sometime before he attacked the Sumerian kings.
4. Abram is also testifying to the greatness of his God, the real one.

**Principle:** When tempted to compromise your honor state the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Gen 14:23 = The Content of Abram's Oath.**

**14:23 L.T.** that I will *absolutely* not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

**Summary:**

1. Abram gave from his personal wealth, not the spoils, to Melchizedek, not expecting anything in return.
2. The king of Sodom is also a "giving man," but with strings.
  - A. He is willing to give things to get people.
  - B. He is willing to give what is not his, because it ceased to be his when he was defeated and it left his possession.
  - C. He is wanting to overshadow Abram's victory.

**Gen 14:24 = Let the Others Decide.**

**14:24 L.T.** "I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the equal division of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their equal division."

**Summary:**

1. Abram did not give the things back to the king of Sodom.
2. He and his own men just took what they had eaten as their "pay" for delivering the people.
3. Some people sell their birthright for a mess of pottage. Gen 25:28-34
4. The rest of the things were given to the friends of Abram who took on the kings of Sumer.
5. Abram did not seek to function as a king and make decisions for others, but rather as a priest who gives God the glory.
6. Abram's allies were free to make their own decisions.
7. The people were free to return to Sodom.

**Principle:** Heroes of the faith refuse to play \_\_\_\_\_.

**Principle:** Heroes of the faith value their \_\_\_\_\_ above wealth.

**Principle:** Heroes of the faith do not assume personal \_\_\_\_\_.

**Principle:** Heroes of the faith seek to not give the devil an \_\_\_\_\_.

## God's Promises

- A. Without Faith in the right person (John 3:16), Hope grounded in His plans (Heb 6:19) and Love because of what He has done (1 John 4:19), the only possible results are blind arrogance or unhealthy fear
- B. Fear must be defeated for peace to exist. John 20:19-21
- C. Fear is defeated by:
- D. Face the Reality of the Sin Nature.
- E. Expand your thinking to include God:
  
- F. Accept His Promises.
  - 1. To Accept His Promises:
    - A. \_\_\_\_\_ His Word. 2 Tim 3:16-17
    - B. Determine if it is \_\_\_\_\_ to you.
    - C. Determine if there are any \_\_\_\_\_.
    - D. \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the Conditions. Rom 12:1-3
    - E. \_\_\_\_\_ Him to keep His word. Prov 3:5
    - F. Seek to remove any \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 24:38-40
  - 2. Your \_\_\_\_\_ for life should be to know all of His promises. Heb 4:1
  - 3. A promise is an agreement between two or more persons whereby the first person pledges in the future to render some service or gift to the others or devotes something valuable now and here to his use.
  - 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the promise is directly related to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the parties involved. Titus 1:1-4
  - 5. God's promises are the chief combatants against \_\_\_\_\_ and thus the only basis of true \_\_\_\_\_. John 14:25-28
  - 6. Our faith is \_\_\_\_\_ because of God's faithfulness to keep His promises. Heb 11:11-12
  - 7. Our Hope is reasonable because of God's \_\_\_\_\_ to keep His promises. Heb 10:23-25
  - 8. Our love is reasonable because of His \_\_\_\_\_ love for us. Rom 8:35-39