

The background features abstract, flowing waves of color. The top edge is dominated by a thick, vibrant red wave that curves across the frame. Below this, the background is a clean, bright white. At the bottom, there are more waves, with a prominent yellow wave on the right side and a red wave on the left side, both appearing to flow upwards and outwards. The overall effect is one of dynamic movement and warm, energetic tones.

ABRAM IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

GENESIS 15: 9 – 18

- The Lord told him, “Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” So Abram presented all these to him and killed them. Then he cut each animal down the middle and laid the halves side by side; he did not, however, cut the birds in half. Some vultures swooped down to eat the carcasses, but Abram chased them away. As the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a terrifying darkness came down over him. Then the Lord said to Abram, “You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth. (As for you, you will die in peace and be buried at a ripe old age.) After four generations your descendants will return here to this land, for the sins of the Amorites do not yet warrant their destruction.” After the sun went down and darkness fell, Abram saw a smoking firepot and a flaming torch pass between the halves of the carcasses. So the Lord made a covenant with Abram that day

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COMING
INTO THE
PRESENCE OF
GOD

- Obedient
Sacrifice
- Dealing with the
Vultures
- The Fear
- The Covenant

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OBEDIENT SACRIFICE v 9&10

- Nothing Unique About this Sacrifice (Lev. 1 and Lev. 3)
 - Sacrificing Bulls, Goats, Rams and Birds were regular forms of sacrifice made on a day to day basis by the Israelites
Leviticus 1:3,10,14 ; Leviticus 3: 4 - 8

WHAT OBEDIENT
SACRIFICE HAS
GOD CALLED US
TO MAKE TO
BRING US INTO
THE PRESENCE
OF GOD ?

- Living in Covenant Relationship
 - Integrity
 - Serving
 - Commitment
 - Love Acceptance and Forgiveness

WHAT ARE THE VULTURES v11

- Luke 21:34 – 36 (NASB)
- “Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

THE ME FOCUS

- Dissipation - overindulgence in sensual living;
Kraipale
 - *Derived from the word meaning, claim for oneself eagerly*
- Drunkenness
- Worries of Life – dwelling on the negative, the opposite to be thankful

BEING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD CAN BE A FEARFUL THING

- Luke 22: 41- 44 “He walked away, about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.”
- Acts 9: 7 - 9
The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone’s voice but saw no one! Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.”
- Luke 1:19: Then the angel said, (to Zecharia) “I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! But now, since you didn’t believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time.”

THE COVENANT

1 Pet. 1:3 – 6 “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.”

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while



THE COVENANT

- God as our Father
- We are Born Again
- A share in the resurrected Life of Jesus
- A Priceless Inheritance beyond the reach of decay
- Our Salvation is Protected by God's Power