

AGAPE LESSON 1

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**Abram rescues Lot:**

[Genesis14v14—17] Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, **he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house**, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. (15) He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. (16) So, he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people. (17) And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh, that is, the king's valley. After his defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

**Abram meets Melchizedek:**

[Genesis14v18—20] Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. (19) And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; (20) and blessed be God Most High who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And gave him a tithe of all.

**The Eliezer type of sons:**

Eliezer (of Damascus) was born, brought up and trained in Abrams house (Genesis15v2). Eliezer was the oldest servant who ruled over all that Abram had (Genesis24v2). **The Eliezer type of son** can be trusted even with very sensitive assignments – had to go take a wife for Isaac from Abram's relatives, back in Ur of the Chaldeans. These sons know how to take instructions and respond promptly. They display integrity and are finishers. They have self-control, are overcomers and display the traits of Christ.

[Ephesians1v3—6] Blessed be God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (4) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, (5) **having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself** according to the good pleasure of His will, (6) to the praise of the glory of His grace by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

[1Peter 1v3—4] Blessed be God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy **has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, (4) to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

(v14—16) Abram armed his disciples that he had educated in the service of God. We get an interpretation that the 318 warriors that Abram mobilized consisted of one person, Abram's loyal servant Eliezer. He was equivalent to 318 people, **as indicated by the numerical value of his name**, which equals that number. {From the (Torah) -- Stone Edition, page64}.

**318 speaks of adoption:**

To me adoption is not possible outside the father\son wineskin. Fathers are the only people graced to align us back to the family our Father in heaven **as first-born sons**. Also, there can be no **inheritance** outside **relationship**. For Joshua to allot land to any, they had to appear in an authentic registry. Those who are sons in houses led by fathers, are part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation in Jesus' registry and

therefore are legible for an inheritance. In a father's house. An apprentice will learn by instruction and demonstration. It is only in a relational atmosphere that a father is able to successfully instil values into the lives of sons in the house.

It is God who sets the solitary in families (Psalm68v6). Jesus' lineage **as an adopted Son of Joseph**, (the just), could be traced back to David. He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and Son of David. God set Jesus in the carpenter's house so He could be familiar with all the sizes of the nails. His ears became accustomed to the sound of a hammer. He also learnt how it felt to be hit by a hammer whenever He hit a miss. He learned obedience by the things He suffered (Hebrews5v8). This is why He finished well on the cross. The Bible records that He was subject to Mary and Joseph – He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men (Luke2v51—52).

[Mark3v13—15] And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. (14) Then He appointed twelve, that **they might be with Him** and that He might **send them out to preach**, (15) **and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons**.

Jesus hand-picked the twelve so that:

- (1) They may be with Him (**first of all**)
- (2) He may send them out to preach.
- (3) He may give them power to heal sicknesses and cast out demons -- **when the situation presents itself** (Luke5v17)].

The main reason for picking the twelve was to establish this **bonding and oneness** which He always had with the Father from eternity past. [John1v1—2] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. It was in this **bonding and oneness** that He was able to multiply Himself in them. Those who are loosely attached to the father in the house are not able to grasp what God is doing in this season. Elisha stayed closer than ever to Elijah before he was going to be taken away from him. This is why he was able to ask for a double-portion of Elijah's spirit. The key to one's destiny/inheritance **is only found in the father's house. You cannot craft your own mantle**. Joseph received one from Jacob (his father). Apprenticeship in the father's estate points you to your destiny.

David, Jesse's shepherd boy was later going to shepherd the Nation of Israel.

Being born, brought up and trained by Abram, Eliezer had **well bonded with Abraham that they became one (in thought and understanding)**. He clearly understood Abram's heart-beat. This you see by the way he carried out the assignment to go find the wife for Isaac. He accurately represented Abram. See how he conducts himself:

- (1) [Genesis24v42] This day I came to the well and said, "**Oh Lord God of my master, Abraham**, if You will now prosper the way in which I go.
- (2) [Genesis24v48] I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, **and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham**, who had led me in the way of truth to take a daughter of my master's brother for his son.
- (3) [Genesis24v49] **Now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master**, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.
- (4) [Genesis24v56] He said to them, "Do not hinder me, since the Lord has prospered my way; **send me away so that I may go to my master**.

Eliezer was so efficient that Abraham even thought he would be his heir while still moaning himself to be childless (Genesis15v2). He was the most loyal and trusted **adopted son in the**

**house.** He was not only a senior servant but an elder. He ends up being fully in charge of all that belonged to Abram. When all the sons of Abram's concubine **were** given gifts and sent eastward, away from Isaac; **Eliezer remained in Abraham's house.** Abraham knew that he was the only one that would give sound advice to Isaac at any given moment.

We learn the accurate pattern of representing the Father from Jesus:

[John4v34] Then Jesus said to them, **"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**

[John5v19--23] - - - -, "Most assuredly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, **but what He sees the Father do, for whatever He does, the Son also does it in like manner.** (20) For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. (21) For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, **even so the Son gives life to whom He will.** (22) For the Father judges no one, **but has committed all judgement to the Son,** (23) that all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. **He who does not honour the Son, does not honour the Father who sent Him.**

[John7v16] And Jesus answered them and said, **"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.**

[John14v10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? **The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.**

We also see in Joseph, another Eliezer type of son:

- (1) He is very unique. He arrives at Potiphar's house as merchandise (Genesis39v1).
- (2) He becomes one of the slaves of Potiphar. **The way Potiphar treated him he was more of a son than a slave. The responsibility given him was that of a first-born son, to execute the father's estate according to his own discretion with no interference from Potiphar** (Genesis39v5—6).
- (3) In prison, Joseph obtained favour from a prison warden and was given responsibility as senior to his inmates (Genesis39v21—23).
- (4) After interpreting Pharaoh's dream, he is given a position as pharaoh's deputy.  
[Genesis41v40] **You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word, only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.**

It was God's design that Joseph be sold in Egypt. The Bible records that there was no bread in the land, for the famine was severe; so that Egypt and Canaan languished because of famine. Money failed and they sold their live-stalk and their lands. In the time of dire crisis, Joseph became the answer (Genesis47v13—26).

- (1) He preserved the posterity. The preservation of the Nation of Israel rested entirely on Joseph. The stone for the Tribe of Joseph was onyx. It is remarkable that the two tablets to bear the twelve stones representing the tribes on the ephod of Aaron was also onyx (Exodus48v9—12).
- (2) He distributed food to the nations.
- (3) He taught the Egyptians the concept of sowing seed and giving one-fifth of their harvest to Pharaoh in order for them to survive the famine.
- (4) **He managed Pharaoh's estate the same way a first-born son/prince would conduct his father's estate.**

Right now, we are facing a difficult time in the history of the church. There is gross famine of hearing the word of the Lord. Fare virgins and young men are running to all directions looking for the word of the Lord, but are not finding it (Amos 8v11—14). There is an Eliezer/Joseph company rising up in the earth. They have the seed (the ABC curriculum), to save the nations from famine. The only way the seed can be distributed is through the father/son wineskin

**The Eliezer type of son was pre-figuring the New Testament first-born son who is also a high-priest after the order of Melchizedek.**

**What does it mean to be first-born son?**

- (1) As one who opens the womb, he is said to be the strength of his father, to bring forth seed to perpetrate the name of the father's family in generations to come.
- (2) First-born son bursts open the womb for more to come.
- (3) There is a link between first-born and worship. Abraham was commanded by God to go sacrifice Isaac and he expressed it as worship (Genesis 22v5).
- (4) He has the right of headship in the absence of the father to execute family business.
- (5) He is legible for a double portion of the father's estate.
- (6) The first-born is connected to the Passover – the Nation of Israel had to consume the whole lamb, **prefiguring Christ our Passover**. We continually eat of Him, (His character, name and attributes) to expel Egypt out of us.
- (7) Israel crossed over his hands to bless Joseph's sons (Manasseh and Ephraim); and he gave the first-born status to Ephraim who was younger. **This was pointing to the New Testament church receiving the first-born status, as we are the body of Christ who is the First-born in many brethren (Romans 8v29)**. Ephraim means double blessing.
- (8) At baptism and at the Mt of Transfiguration Jesus received a verbal blessing. First-born will receive a verbal blessing. At his death-bed Israel invoked a verbal blessing to all his sons, **pre-figuring the New Testament church**. We are all first-born sons in the order of Christ.
- (9) Son (ben in Hebrew) meaning, builder of family name. Sons bring back the glory.
- (10) Glory, -- the reputation of another (Christ) is infused into the mind of another (the church).
- (11) Son refers to both the genders, male and female. (The spirit if man has no gender).
- (12) Jesus served the disciples with bread and wine, **passing on to them the blessing of Melchizedek**. We are now the high-priests after the order of Melchizedek.