

Acts 17:11 (NKJV)

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

An Awesome Covenant

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Acts 17:11, 1 John 4:17, Genesis 15:5-13, 15-17,
2 Corinthians 9:8, Genesis 16:16, 17:1-2, 1
Samuel 20:12-18, 2 Samuel 4:4, 9:1-13

Genesis 15:5

Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Genesis 15:6

And he believed in
the LORD, and He
accounted it to him
for righteousness.

Genesis 15:7

Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

Genesis 15:8

And he said, "Lord
GOD, how shall I
know that I will
inherit it?"

Genesis 15:9

So He said to 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."

Genesis 15:10

Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

Genesis 15:11

And when the
vultures came
down on the
carcasses, Abram
drove them away.

Genesis 15:12

Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.

Genesis 15:13

Then He said to Abram:
"Know certainly that your
descendants will be
strangers in a land that is
not theirs, and will serve
them, and they will afflict
them four hundred years.

Genesis 15:15

"Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

Genesis 15:16

"But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

Genesis 15:17

And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all
grace abound toward you,
that you, always having all
sufficiency in all things,
may have an abundance
for every good work.

Genesis 16:16

Abram was eighty-
six years old
when Hagar bore
Ishmael to Abram.

Genesis 17:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

Genesis 17:2

"And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."

1 Samuel 20:12

Then Jonathan said to David:
"The LORD God of Israel is
witness! When I have
sounded out my father
sometime tomorrow, or the
third day, and indeed there is
good toward David, and I do
not send to you and tell you,

1 Samuel 20:13

"may the LORD do so and much more to Jonathan. But if it pleases my father to do you evil, then I will report it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And the LORD be with you as He has been with my father.

1 Samuel 20:14

"And you shall not only
show me the
kindness of the
LORD while I still live,
that I may not die;

1 Samuel 20:15

"but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when the LORD has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

1 Samuel 20:16

So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "Let the LORD require it at the hand of David's enemies."

1 Samuel 20:17

Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

1 Samuel 20:18

Then Jonathan said to David, "Tomorrow is the New Moon; and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty."

2 Samuel 4:4

Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 9:1

Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2 Samuel 9:2

And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "At your service!"

2 Samuel 9:3

Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet."

2 Samuel 9:4

So the king said to him,
"Where is he?" And Ziba
said to the king, "Indeed he
is in the house of Machir
the son of Ammiel, in Lo
Debar."

2 Samuel 9:5

Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar.

2 Samuel 9:6

Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"

2 Samuel 9:7

So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

2 Samuel 9:8

Then he bowed himself,
and said, "What is your
servant, that you should
look upon such a dead
dog as I?"

2 Samuel 9:9

And the king called to Ziba,
Saul's servant, and said to
him, "I have given to your
master's son all that
belonged to Saul and to all
his house.

2 Samuel 9:10

"You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

2 Samuel 9:11

Then Ziba said to the king,
"According to all that my lord the
king has commanded his servant,
so will your servant do." "As for
Mephibosheth," said the king, "he
shall eat at my table like one of
the king's sons."

2 Samuel 9:12

Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 9:13

So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.