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Torah portion

Genesis 12:3

3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

James 5:10 & 11 NIV

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the L-rd. 11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the L-rd finally brought about. The L-rd is full of compassion and mercy.

Service Portion

1) Abraham was believing (Genesis 15:1 – 6)

1 After these things the word of the L-RD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

2 But Abram said, “L-rd G-D, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!”

4 And behold, the word of the L-RD came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.” 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.”

6 And he believed in the L-RD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

2) Abraham was unwavering (Romans 4:20-21)

20 He did not waver at the promise of G-d through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to G-d, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

3) Abraham was persevering (Hebrews 6:13 – 15)

13 For when G-d made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

4) Abraham was pioneering (Hebrews 11:8)

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

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