

Principles from Rom 4:17-21; Human Solutions Are No Solutions; Megalomaniacal Politicians Lust to Preempt God; Divine Solutions Are the Only Solutions: Abraham's Use of the Faith-Rest Drill

15. The expanded translation of Paul's parenthesis referencing Abraham reads as follows:

Romans 4:17 - (As it stands written, [**Genesis 12:2**] "I have decreed you a father of many nations" in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gave life to the sexually dead ones and designated those things which did not exist as existing.

v. 18 - Who beyond hope of sexual prosperity believed in hope of fulfillment in order that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, [**Genesis 15:5**] "so shall your descendants be."

v. 19 - And so not becoming weak in that faith he completely understood his own body which had become sexually dead, when he was approximately 100 years old; likewise, he also understood the deadness of Sarah's womb.

v. 20 - That is, with reference to the promise of God, he did not stagger in unbelief but he was invigorated by means of Bible doctrine poured into him, giving glory to God,

v. 21 - and having been fully convinced that what He Himself has promised, He is also able to accomplish.)

Principles from Romans 4:17-21:

1. Spiritual maturity is the status of total confidence in the integrity of God. Such a believer places no confidence in any system of humanly devised systems of security or in any person or persons, but rather on the promises of God that guarantee logistical grace blessings through the grace pipeline.
2. A politician with power lust who is unrestrained by checks and balances often moves into megalomania, "a delusional mental disorder that is marked by feelings of personal omnipotence and grandeur."¹
3. Megalomania's assumed omnipotence and power lust combine to create the arrogance of self-righteousness and the delusion of infallibility. This mind-set concocts problem-solving devices from anthropocentric academic speculation and cosmic panaceas.
4. Any idea or person that challenges the megalomaniac must be suppressed, discredited, or, if necessary, eliminated. This is why Christians are under assault. They submit to a truly omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God and believe He and His divine provisions are infinitely superior to those of the megalomaniac.

¹ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v. "megalomania."

5. The conflict of visions between the two is more than the megalomaniac can bear and he thus gravitates toward totalitarianism that ultimately transforms into a dictatorship which trumps biblical viewpoint at the point of a gun.
6. Loss of biblical thought is what brings a society to this beastly level of leadership. Those believers who capitalized on the right to “free exercise” during periods of prosperity are prepared to face the challenges inherent in the five cycles of discipline.
7. Spiritual maturity is the only real security in life but its power is found in the belief that the reality of the invisible Word is greater than the reality of visible circumstances.
8. Abraham’s understanding of the integrity of God and the power of God is contained in the Lord’s exordium to his third reiteration of the Abrahamic Covenant in:

Genesis 17:1 - Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty [אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי *El Shaddai*] ...

1. This is one of the many names of Deity found in Scripture, each one defining God as the ultimate source of the human need expressed in the context.
2. What Abraham needed was divine power. The divine name *El Shaddai*: “the All-Powerful One,” also means “the One who pours out blessings.” The Abrahamic covenant has been recited to Abraham on three previous occasions in which a myriad of descendants are cited. Abraham is sterile. The only possible way the promise could be fulfilled is by divine omnipotence.
3. In this situation, omnipotence and veracity coordinate with the attributes of divine integrity to resolve Abraham’s problem.
4. God made a promise which veracity insures to be absolutely true. His righteousness is the principle of His integrity and demands fulfillment. A solution to the problem, impossible to accomplish through human power, is possible through divine power.
5. Omnipotence is part of Abraham’s doctrinal rationale in Romans 4:21b, “... what He Himself has promised, He is also able [*dunatos*] to accomplish.”
6. Whatever righteousness demands, justice must execute. By means of omnipotence from “the All-Powerful One,” justice, the function of divine integrity and the point of contact for the believer, imputes down the grace pipeline the answer to Abraham’s problem: his sexual death will be ended and he will be made virile once more.
7. Abraham believed this would happen and therefore used the three stages of the faith-rest drill to maintain the patience required as he waited on the perfect timing of God.

8. Because he was spiritually mature, Abraham had reciprocal love for the Source of the blessing and capacity to enjoy the blessing with a grace mental attitude.
9. The believer that is in the plan of God is never historically out of sync. The plan of God is designed to benefit the mature believer. Knowledge of biblical truths results in good decisions that place the believer in right place at the right time. This is not happenstance; divine viewpoint puts the believer in sync with the perfect timing of God.
10. Therefore, the sovereignty of God has decreed a predetermined plan for every Church Age believer, designed to first teach grace, then issue the blessings of grace.