

Acts 3:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Analysis

Peter reminds his audience: 'ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant.' Their privileged position increases responsibility. The Abrahamic promise - 'in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed' - finds fulfillment in Jesus, Abraham's ultimate seed.

Historical Context

The Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:3, 22:18) promised blessing to all nations through Abraham's descendant. Paul develops this christologically in Galatians 3:16, identifying Christ as the 'seed.'

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does covenant privilege increase accountability for responding to Christ?
2. What does Christ being Abraham's seed mean for global mission?

Interlinear Text

ὕμεῖς	ἐστε	υἱοὶ	τῶν	προφητῶν	Καὶ	τῆς	διαθήκης	
Ye	are	the children	G3588	of the prophets	And	G3588	of the covenant	
G5210	G2075	G5207		G4396	G2532		G1242	
ἥς	διέθετο	ὁ	θεὸς	πρὸς	τοὺς	πατέρας	ἡμῶν	λέγων
which	made	G3588	God	unto	G3588	fathers	our	saying
G3739	G1303		G2316	G4314		G3962	G2257	G3004
πρὸς	Ἀβραάμ,	Καὶ	τῷ	σπέρματί	σου	ἐνευλογηθήσονται		
unto	Abraham	And	G3588	seed	in thy	be blessed		
G4314	G11	G2532		G4690	G4675	G1757		
πᾶσαι	αἱ	πατριαὶ	τῆς	γῆς				
all	G3588	the kindreds	G3588	of the earth				
G3956		G3965		G1093				

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 22:18 (Blessing): And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Acts 2:39 (Covenant): For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Galatians 3:8 (Blessing): And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

1 Chronicles 16:17 (Covenant): And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

Genesis 12:3 (Blessing): And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Revelation 7:9 (Parallel theme): After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Romans 4:13 (Covenant): For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Galatians 3:16 (Covenant): Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Psalms 22:27 (Parallel theme): All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

Nehemiah 9:8 (Covenant): And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous: