

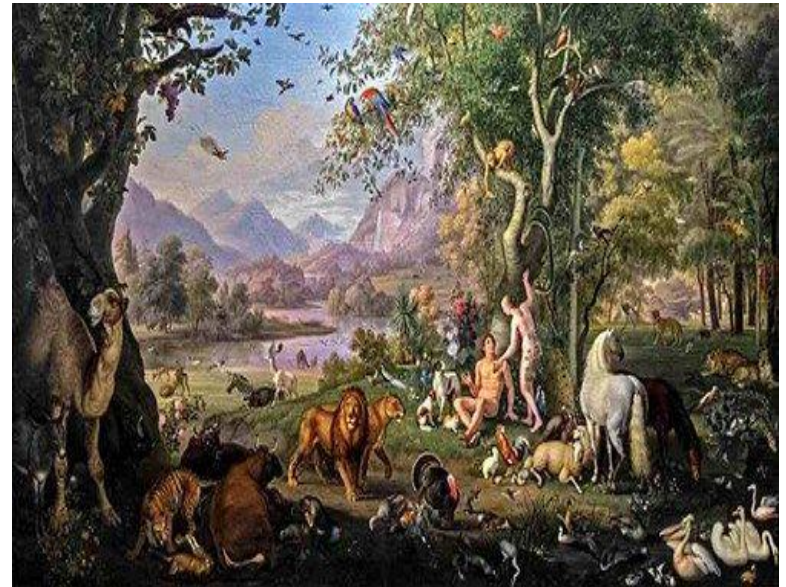
What is the path to righteousness in God's eyes?

In the beginning—from Adam to Moses....

So what was the law added to?

God to the serpent Genesis 3:14

So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."



What is the path to righteousness in God's eyes?

In the beginning ..Adam and Eve

Loss of fellowship with God due to disobedience

Opportunity path to regaining righteousness with God

EVE: with the help of the Lord, Cain and Abel

ABEL: Abel brought the attended sacrifice to the LORD

The LORD looked with favour on Abel and his offering

ADAM: God has granted me another son...At that time men began to call upon the name of the LORD.

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In the beginning ..ABEL Righteous Through Faith

Hebrews 11:5

4 ¶ By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.



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In the beginning ...NOAH

God with Noah

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. Heb 11:7



What is the path to righteousness in God's eyes?

The Jews and the Gentiles?

*Righteousness path for those "outside"
the "chosen peoples" lines?*

From Adam to Noah

Descendants of Noah

God scattered the peoples

From Noah to Abraham

From Abraham to Moses

Melchizedek

Job

Abimelech

Ruth

Abraham covenant

For the sake of all the nations

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In the beginning ...Abraham

So what was the law added to?

God to Abraham

Key moments- in God's words: Abraham

• God seeks Abram

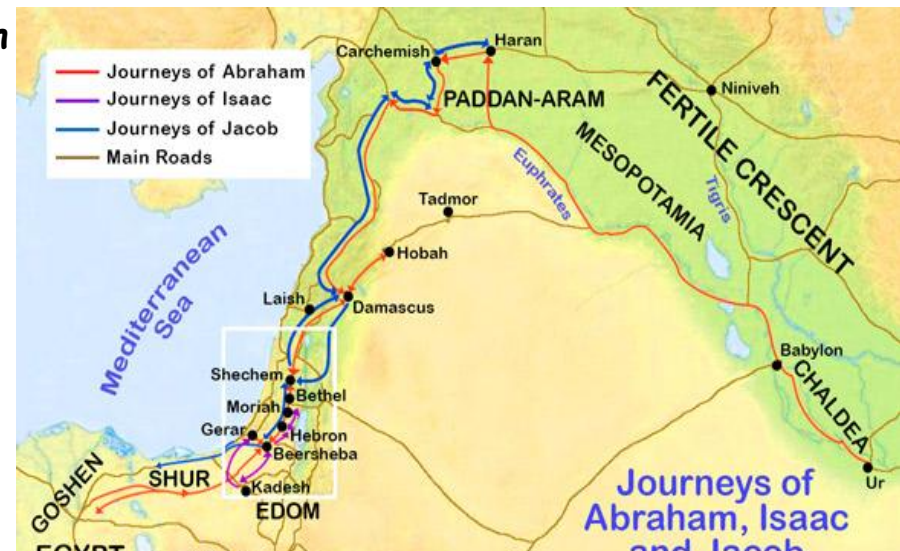
- Via his father who moved his family from Ur towards Canaan, settled in Haran
- Via calling Abram, an act of grace, righteousness granted upon his response
- ..and go to the land I will show you.. all peoples on earth will be blessed through you..
- Via God's faithfulness even when Abraham falters and fails (Egypt in famine)
- Do not be afraid, Abram. I am ..your very great reward... Abram believed... counted to him as righteousness

• God's Covenant

- I Am the Lord, promise of land and offspring
- Covenant of circumcision
- Affirmed through Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph

• God Protects His Promise in Egypt

- I will make you into a great nation there
- And then a Pharaoh did not know Joseph



Key moments- in God's words:Moses

- *God's Call of Moses: I am who I am. Lead my people out of Egypt*
- *God's Covenant: I am the Lord your God;
Here is the covenant*



Key moments- in God's words:Moses

- **Those who seek Him:**
 - **The midwives**
 - **The priest of Midian**
 - **Here I am**
 - **God's call to Moses at the same time as opening for the Egyptians people**
- **God's Covenant:**
 - **I AM the God of..**
 - **When you have brought.. You shall worship**
 - **His deliverance and renewal "I AM the Lord"**
 - **"I set before you today life and prosperity."**



Old Covenant (Moses) to New Covenant (Jesus)

Old Covenant

Worship

Moral

*Presence of God
prescriptions*

Civil

Criminal



Old Covenant (Moses) to New Covenant (Jesus)

Jesus proclaimed

*This cup is the
new covenant in my
blood*

*I have not come to
abolish but to
fulfill*



What is the practice of righteousness in God's eyes?

Why did God add the Law? (v 19,20)

- 1. Added because of transgression*
- 2. Until the Seed promised had come*
- 3. Transgression abounded & needed a mediator.
It was added by a mediator (Moses) via angels.
A mediator represents both parties
(God/people/mediator).
Both parties needed to be represented for
resolution.*

But God is ONE.

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Why did God add the Law? (v 21 -23)

- 4. The Law supported the Promise of God
IF the Law produced life with righteousness, no
need for something further
BUT
the whole world is a prisoner of sin
the Promise, has come in Christ
AND is available through FAITH for those who
believe*
- 5. The Law was the guardian to bring us to Christ
It is no longer our supervisor*

What is the practice of righteousness in God's eyes?

THEREFORE WE (v 26-29)

We are all sons of God through faith in Christ

We have been baptised into Christ

We have clothed ourselves with Christ

We belong to Him, we are all ONE in Christ Jesus

*We are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the
promise*

What is the practice of righteousness in God's eyes?

THEREFOR WE ARE... (v 26-29)

For the Galatians churches

In Christ, all must make these changes

there is no/not Jew not/nor Gentile

there is no/not slave not/nor free

there is no/not male and female

You are all ONE IN CHRIST JESUS

What is the practice of righteousness in God's eyes?

THEREFOR WE ARE... (v 26-29)

Applications for us

Appropriate and appreciate who we are in Christ through faith

Live and serve the Lord out of love for Him and His purposes

Hold to the eternal hope only found in the promise of the Lord

Add no lens that categorizes people

that prevents people from finding and living Him

that focusses on the New Covenant that Jesus died to initiate

that encourages all to grow in the sanctification process