

# You Have A Mighty Source

## The Patriarchs



Psalms 20:7-8 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but **we trust in the name of the Lord our God.** <sup>8</sup> They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

## I. God, Our Source

### A. Sustainer

Psalms 54:4 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.

Psalms 3:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

### B. Our Judge

Psalms 82:8 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

Matthew 25:31-32 (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him . . .

## I. Genesis (Beginnings)

### A. Chapters 1-11 ---Universal Themes

#### 1. Cain & Able

Genesis 4:6-10 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." <sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

Hebrews 12:24 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

#### 2. Noah & the Ark

### 3. Tower of Babel

## B. Abram (Chapter 12)

### 1. Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Galatians 3:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

### 2. God honors His promise

Genesis 22:6-8 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

## C. Isaac

## D. Esau & Jacob/Israel (deceiver . . . to wrestle with God)

### 1. Power of Blessing, Authority of Words

Genesis 27:33-37 (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him--and indeed he will be blessed!" <sup>34</sup> When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me--me too, my father!" <sup>35</sup> But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing." <sup>36</sup> Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?" <sup>37</sup> Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?"

### 2. Joseph . . . Egypt

Genesis 45:3-5 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. <sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!

<sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.