

John 8:39~ In answer they said to him; **Our father is Abraham. Jesus said to them; If you are Abraham's children, do the works of Abraham.**

1· So they tried to say to Jesus, that their father was Abraham. Yet Abraham was a righteous man, one of faith in God, one looking forward to God's many fine promises in faith. So Jesus said to these ones, that if they were really the seed of Abraham, then they should be doing the fine and righteous deeds of faith, like their forefather Abraham did.

[Question] What did the Jews try to tell Jesus their father was?

[Question] Yet what kind of a man was Abraham?

[Question] What deeds then, did Jesus show that they would need to do, to become Abraham's children?

2· And I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and I will give to your seed all these lands. By means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves. (Genesis 26:4)

[Question] What promise was given to Abraham, and to his future seed, and who would come to bless themselves by means of his seed?

3· And do not presume to say to yourselves; As a **father we have Abraham. For I say to you that God is able to raise up **children** to **Abraham**, from these stones. (Matthew 3:9)**

[Question] What did Jesus tell these men not to presume upon, for what was Yehowah God fully capable of doing, if they themselves failed to live up to being men of faith like Abraham was?

4· They replied to him; We are **Abraham's offspring, and never have we been slaves to anybody. How is it you say, you will become free? (John 8:33)**

[Question] How did the Jews respond to Jesus statement, that they were slaves to sin?

5· For he is not a Jew who is one on the outside, nor is circumcision, that which is on the outside upon the flesh. (Romans 2:28)

[Question] What really makes one a Jew, is it a mark in the flesh, or genetics, or faith and trust in Yehowah God, the giver of life?

- 6· That is, the **children** in the flesh are not really the **children** of God, but the **children** by the promise, are counted as the seed. (**Romans 9:8**)

[Question] Who, though sons in the flesh, proved not to be sons of Abraham, and who did prove to be true sons of Abraham, and so what was counted to them?

- 7· Surely you know that those who adhere to faith, are the ones who are sons of **Abraham**. (**Galatians 3:7**)

[Question] Who are the ones counted as being sons of Abraham?

- 8· Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really **Abraham's** seed, heirs with reference to a promise. (**Galatians 3:29**)

[Question] What do all those who truly belong to Christ, inherit?

- 9· And Terah lived on for seventy years, after which he became **father** to Abram, Nahor and Haran. (**Genesis 11:26**)

[Question] Who was the father of Abraham, and who were his brothers?

- 10· The crown of old men is the grandsons, and the beauty of sons is their **fathers**. (**Proverbs 17:6**)

[Question] What is the crown and beauty of older men?

- 11· Son of man, the inhabitants of these devastated places are saying, even concerning the soil of Israel, Abraham happened to be just one, and yet he took possession of the land. And we are many, to us the land has been given as something to possess. (**Ezekiel 33:24**)

[Question] What did Jews think they could do without Yehowah God's blessing, just because Abraham had done so earlier?

- 12· That being so, what shall we say about **Abraham** our forefather, according to the flesh? (**Romans 4:1**)

[Question] Who were all these Jews, the physical offspring of?

- 13· Neither because they are **Abraham's** seed are they all **children**, but; What will be called **your seed**, will be through Isaac. (**Romans 9:7**)

[Question] Did **all** of the men who came forth from the loins of Abraham, become his promised seed?

[Question] Who alone did that seed come forth from?

[Question] Did Jesus Christ have any fleshly children?

14· We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners from the nations. (Galatians 2:15)

[Question] How did the Jews view all people of other nations, since those ones had no way of atonement before their God, like the Jews did?

15· You see that a man is to be declared righteous by **works, and not by faith alone. (James 2:24)**

[Question] Can faith alone save a man, what more is required?