

How Abraham Received the Blessing by Faith

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El Shaddai: The God Who Is Able — Walking in Abraham’s Faith

“And being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.” — Romans 4:21 (NKJV)

Have you ever felt that life is squeezing you from every side? That problems keep stacking up like an unending mountain? Take a deep breath. There’s a name of God revealed thousands of years ago that is **the answer to every lack** — **El Shaddai**, the Almighty God.

This blog post unpacks the powerful message of Abraham’s faith, the meaning of El Shaddai, and the **four life-changing truths** Abraham knew about God — truths that still transform our lives today. Let’s dive in!

Remember Where You’ve Been

Before we move forward, pause for a moment.

Think back. How many problems has the Lord already delivered you from? How many times have you been in trouble — and somehow, you came out on the other side?

The Bible’s answer is clear and beautiful:

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” — Psalm 23:1

When the Lord is your shepherd, **you will not lack anything**. Not one good thing.

Truth	Meaning
The Lord is my Shepherd	He leads, protects, and provides
I shall not want	No lack — emotional, spiritual, or physical

Truth	Meaning
Past deliverances	Proof for present trust

Faith Is Invisible — But It Shows Up When Storms Come

Here's the catch: **faith cannot be seen** when life is smooth.

Faith is only visible during **trials**, during **difficulties**, during the moments that test your soul. That's why when the storms come, our response matters:

"Let the weak say, I am strong." — **Joel 3:10**

Notice the wisdom here

When you feel...	What you should say...
Weak	"I am strong"
Poor	"I am rich in Christ"
Defeated	"I am more than a conqueror"
Lacking	"The Lord is my Shepherd"

This isn't denial — this is **faith speaking before the eye sees**.

El Shaddai — The Almighty God

Here's where everything changes. When Abram was **99 years old**, with no son, no future heir, no humanly possible way for God's promise to be fulfilled — God appeared with a new name:

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." — **Genesis 17:1**

The name **El Shaddai** means:

El Shaddai = “I Am the God Who Is More Than Enough”

He is the God who...

- **Can do** what no human can do
- **Has more** than enough for every situation
- **Performs** every single promise He makes

“...in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.” — **Romans 4:17 (NKJV)**

Read that again. God **calls things that don’t exist as though they already did**. That’s the kind of God you serve.

Abraham — The Man Who Was Fully Convinced

Abraham wasn’t perfect. But he had **one thing** that pleased God deeply:

He was FULLY CONVINCED that what God promised, God could perform.

That’s the test of faith. Not whether you *understand how* God will do it — but whether you’re **convinced He can**.

What Adam Lost — Christ Restored

Let’s zoom out for a moment. Adam was given a **perfect** life:

Adam’s Original Inheritance	What Happened
Life without death	Lost through sin
Life without weakness	Lost through sin
Authority over the world	Lost through sin
Father of nations	Lost through sin

But here’s the **good news** of the Gospel — what Adam lost, **Christ has given back to you!** The inheritance of ruling, of life, of righteousness — all restored through faith in Jesus.

4▢ The Four Truths Abraham Knew About God

This is the heart of the message. Abraham wasn't just blessed by accident — he **knew four foundational truths**. And when you know them too, you walk in the same blessings he did.

1▢ Righteousness Apart From the Law

You cannot **work** your way to righteousness. You **believe** your way into it.

“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” — Romans 4:5

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

Compare the Two Paths:

Righteousness by Works	Righteousness by Faith
Depends on your effort	Depends on God’s grace
Always falls short	Receives the full promise
Produces pride or despair	Produces peace and joy
Couldn’t make Abraham heir	Made Abraham heir of the world

Key insight: Through **obedience** to Christ (Romans 5:19), we are made righteous — not through our striving but through **His** finished work.

2▢ Sins Are Forgiven

This isn't a maybe. This is a **blessing**.

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.” — Romans 4:7 (NKJV)

Look up **Psalms 103** — God says:

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

That distance? **Infinite**. Your sins are not just hidden — they are **gone**.

3☐ Sin Shall Not Be Imputed (Charged to Your Account)

This is one of the **most powerful** truths in the entire Bible.

“Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.” — Romans 4:8 (NKJV)

What does “impute” mean? It means to **charge to someone’s account**. So why doesn’t God charge your sins to you anymore?

The Great Exchange on the Cross

What Happened	The Result
Your sins were placed on Jesus	He paid the full penalty
His righteousness was placed on you	You stand pure before God

“And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.” — Romans 4:22-24 (KJV)

“For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.” — Romans 5:13 (KJV)

When the Father looks at you, He sees **Jesus’ righteousness**. Not your failures. Not your struggles. **Jesus**.

4☐ Knowing the Gospel

Here’s something profound: **Abraham knew the Gospel** — thousands of years before Jesus walked the earth!

“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.” — Galatians 3:8 (KJV)

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.” — John 8:56 (KJV)

Abraham **saw Jesus’ day** and rejoiced!

The Starry Night Promise

Look at this beautiful moment:

“And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.” — Genesis 15:5-6 (KJV)

Two layers of meaning here

Layer	Meaning
Physical	His descendants would be like stars — innumerable
Spiritual	Every believer in Christ becomes part of Abraham’s spiritual family

You and I — through faith in Jesus — are the **stars** Abraham was shown that night.

Warning: Faith Without Hearing Doesn’t Work

Here’s a sobering truth from the book of Hebrews:

“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” — Hebrews 4:2

The Israelites in the wilderness **heard** the same gospel. So why didn’t it transform them?

“And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.” —
Hebrews 3:18-19

“Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.” — **Hebrews 4:1**

The Formula for Living Faith

Hearing the Word Mixing it with Faith = Transformation
Hearing the Word Faith = No Profit

Why Continuous Hearing Matters

One-Time Hearing	Continuous Hearing
Faith fades quickly	Faith grows stronger
Doubts return easily	Word renews daily
Old struggles persist	New victories come

Practical tip: Spend 10 minutes a day — even more — soaking in God’s Word. Just like food keeps your body alive, the Word keeps your spirit alive.

Faith Sees the Path Through the Sea

Remember the Red Sea?

When Moses faced the sea with Pharaoh’s army behind him — there was no path. But faith **spoke before the sea parted**.

The same God who parted the sea for Moses parts the sea in **your** life today.

Your job? **Speak the Word. Believe. Walk forward.**

Summary: The Heart of the Message

Here’s everything you’ve just read in one powerful table:

Truth	Key Verse	What It Means For You
El Shaddai is Almighty	Genesis 17:1	God is more than enough
God performs what He promises	Romans 4:21	Trust His timing
God calls non-existent things into being	Romans 4:17	Your future is in His hands
Righteousness comes by faith	Romans 4:5, 13	Stop striving, start believing
Sins are forgiven	Romans 4:7	You are clean
Sin is not imputed	Romans 4:8	God sees Jesus' righteousness in you
Abraham knew the Gospel	Galatians 3:8	Faith has always been the way
Faith comes by hearing continually	Hebrews 4:2	Stay in the Word daily

Closing Prayer & Reflection

Take a moment to reflect:

- Am I trying to earn what God wants to **give** me by faith?
- Am I **fully convinced** that God can perform what He has promised?
- Am I keeping the Word of God **continually** in my ears and heart?
- Do I see myself the way **God sees me** — righteous in Christ?

A Declaration to Speak Today:

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. I am righteous through faith in Jesus. My sins are forgiven and shall never be imputed against me. El Shaddai — the Almighty God — is more than enough for me. What He has promised, He is able to perform. Amen.”

Share This Message

If this blog post blessed you, share it with someone walking through difficulty today. They may need to hear that **El Shaddai is still in the business of doing the impossible.**

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” — Romans 10:17

God bless you abundantly!