

The triumph of Grace is seen in Jacob...It is a triumph over sin, with a firm promise of new life...What a message!

The Bible story is how God remained faithful to Jacob-Israel even when they were not faithful to Him. When God's SON came "...he took on him the seed of Abraham." HEBREWS 2:17; to fulfill the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

From the beginning Jacob-Israel was chosen because of God's grace, not because of their own goodness. BUT---HOW MANY OF US HAVE PLUMBED THE DEPTHS OF THAT GRACE?

Have you changed your theology lately?

Do you have 'the grace message'?

Our text turns on the special significance of the name JEHOVAH---The ever-faithful and unchanging ONE. The Covenant God JEHOVAH who hath said and will surely fulfill...

"Behold, I will send My messenger..." MALACHI 3:1

A man with a message! What a man!

He announces and introduces "...the Messenger of the covenant." JESUS. This fore-runner could be no other than John the Baptist. His message came red-hot from the heart! What a signal honor!

Jesus Christ came to "confirm the promises made unto the fathers." ROMANS 15:8 Had not JEHOVAH made such promises of enduring love, mercy and protection to His everlasting people Jacob-Israel, He would cut them off at once for their sin! Sins.

BUT---It is only because He is JEHOVAH of covenant truth, that His faithfulness to His promises spares the wayward "sons of Jacob." God's grace and power is associated with that name "sons of Jacob." Believe it or not!

For GOD, and all that is in God is unchangeable.

Our God is a good God!

Thank God! We... "are not consumed." Rather we are to be refined and purified! But, like the Bush at which the LORD proclaimed His great covenant-Name, burning with fire and yet NOT consumed.

Do not fear---GOD has control. Are you a bush aglow?

A Modern Speech Translation of Deuteronomy 33:16 is: "May the good-will of Him that dwelt in the bush come upon Joseph's head, and upon the top of the head of the crowned among his brethren."

John the Baptists message was overwhelming! "...He that cometh after me is mightier than I, ...He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. ...He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE! It is the 'sin' which is burned---NOT THE SINNER! We've got it all wrong!