Did God Choose You?

Scripture

- **Genesis 17:1**
  
  Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty..."

- **Genesis 12:1**
  
  Now the LORD said to Abram...

- **Ephesians 2:1-6, 8**
  
  And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. But **God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, *(For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;)*

- **Deuteronomy 7:6-7**
  
  “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,”

- **Ephesians 1:3-5**
  
  Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself
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Other Scriptures
- John 15:16
- Leviticus 17:11
- Romans 4:16
- Genesis 22:18

Main Points
- Much of Biblical Judaism had to do with sacrifices being offered in the Temple.
- Blood sacrifices represented atonement.
- Pillars of Biblical Judaism in the Scriptures
  - Temple
  - Sacrifices
  - Priesthood
- Council of Yavneh in 90 A.D.
- Patriarchs of Judaism: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- Jesus is the "seed" of Abraham.
- Abraham’s faith came to him as a gift from the Creator.
- We have come to Jesus because God chose us to do so.
- When you know that you are chosen, you are going to know who you are!

Discussion Questions
1. What did Rabbi describe as differences between Rabbinic Judaism and Biblical Judaism?

2. Were people saved differently in the Old Testament, then in the New Testament? How does Abraham show us this truth? How did he have the courage and determination to leave his family and land to follow God’s direction? Where did his faith come from?

3. How are we like Abraham in the coming to faith? How does knowing you are chosen, strengthen your faith in His love?

4. In order to plant this truth deep in your spirit, begin committing Ephesians 2:1-8 to your memory.