



ID: Law or Promise?

Galatians 3:15-29



Genesis 12:1 NIV

The LORD had said to Abram [Abraham's former name], "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."

Genesis 12:2-3 NIV

*“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.*

*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 3:15-16 Kingdom New Testament

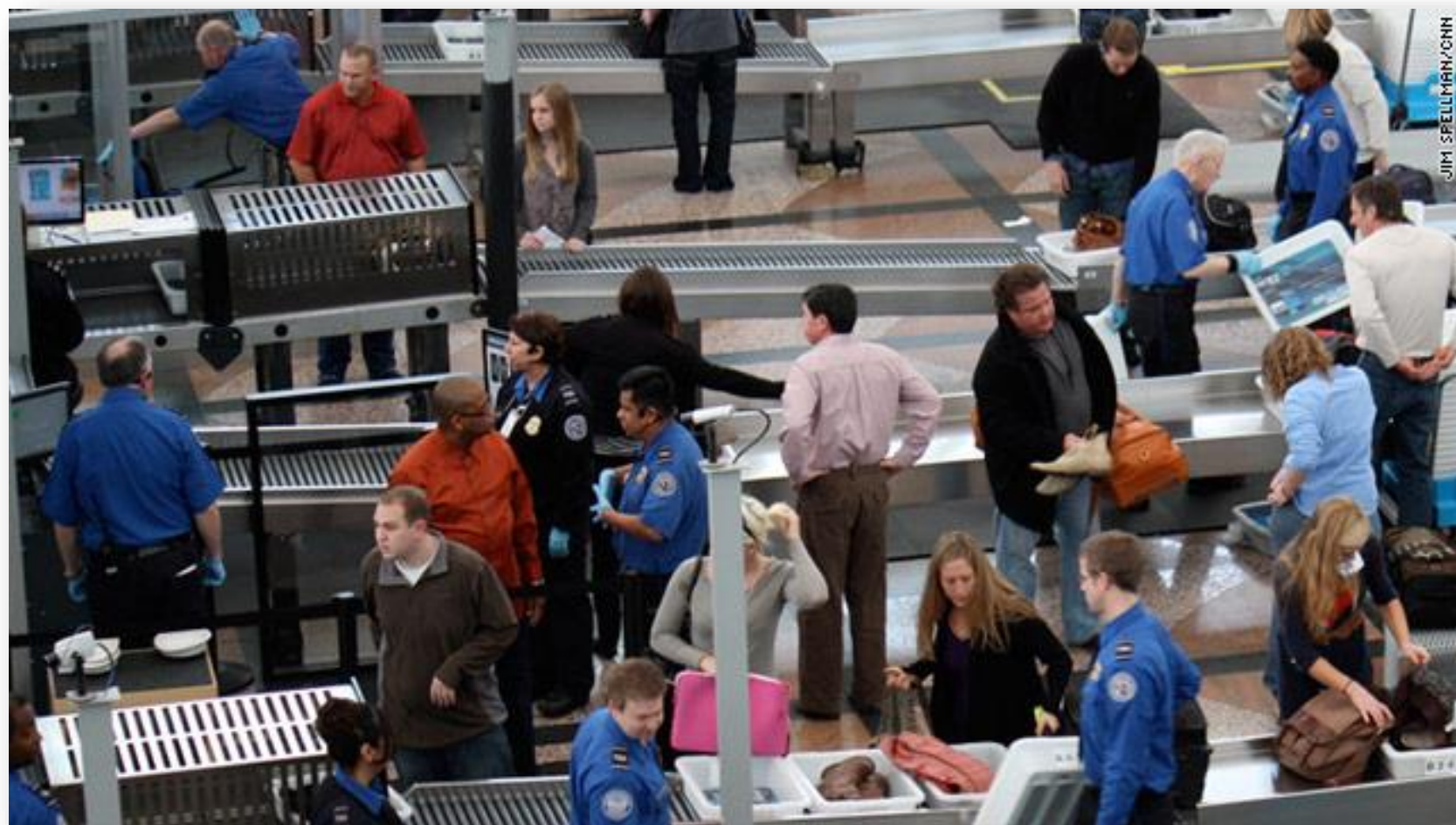
My brothers and sisters, let me use a human illustration. When someone makes a covenanted will, nobody sets it aside or adds to it.

Well, the promises were made ‘to Abraham and his family.’ It doesn’t say ‘his families’, as though referring to several, but indicates one: ‘and to your family’ – which means the Messiah.

Galatians 3:17-18 Kingdom New Testament

This is what I mean. God made this covenanted will; the law, which came 430 years later, can't undermine it and make the promise null and void.

If the inheritance came through the law, it would no longer be by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.



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Why then the law? It was added because of the transgressions, until the family should come to whom it was promised.

Galatians 3:22 Kingdom New Testament

But the Bible [the Law] shut everything together under the power of sin, so that the promise – which comes by the faithfulness of Jesus the Messiah – should be given to those who believe.

Galatians 3:23-24 Kingdom New Testament

Before this faithfulness arrived, we were kept under guard by the law, in close confinement until the coming faithfulness should be revealed. Thus the law was like a babysitter for us, looking after us until the coming of the Messiah, so that we might be given covenant membership on the basis of faithfulness.

Galatians 3:26, 28 Kingdom New Testament

For you are all children of God through the faithfulness which is in Messiah, Jesus.

There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no 'male and female'; you are all one in the Messiah, Jesus.