

Friday 6th August 2021

Gen.17,1: *"I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and blameless."*

Mt.5,16: *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

What Abraham was asked/commanded to do – trust and obey God – lay as a possibility not in him but in God's self-disclosure to him. Would he hear, that is, believe? From hearing would come knowledge and from knowledge the doing.

It is significant that the criticism the prophets had to level against the people of God for failing to walk faithfully before God, focussed on their refusal and failing to know Him, to know that He was God.

Our walk before God is a matter of God's self-disclosure to us through Jesus Christ. Only as we apprehend Christ, in his atoning sacrifice for our sins which reconciled us to God, do know the living God and in this knowledge are made alive to his love.

*"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light." (Col.1,9ff)*