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The angel of the Lord told Abraham that he hadn't **withheld** his only son from "me". Since God was the one who told Abraham to sacrifice his son, that means the angel was actually God (a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Genesis 22:12:** "And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

God rewarded Abraham for not **withholding** his only son from Him.

- **Genesis 22:16-18:** "And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

God told Abraham that because he hadn't **withheld** his only son from Him, He would cause his descendants to possess the gates of their enemies. (In other words, He would give

Abraham's descendants victory over their enemies.)

- **Genesis 22:17:** "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;"

God told Abraham that because he hadn't **withheld** his only son from Him, He would give Abraham many descendants.

- **Genesis 22:17:** "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;"

God told Abraham that because he hadn't **withheld** his only son from Him, all the nations of the earth would be blessed by his seed. (This was a reference to the coming of the Messiah.)

- **Genesis 22:18:** "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

The sons of Heth told Abraham that they wouldn't **withhold** any of their sepulchers from him. (However, they did charge him an extremely exorbitant amount of money to buy some land to bury Sarah.)

- **Genesis 23:6:** "Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead."

Rebekah told Jacob she didn't want to be **deprived** of both of her children the same day. (She would be deprived of Jacob because Esau murdered him, and deprived of Esau because he would be punished for murdering his brother.)

- **Genesis 27:45:** "Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?"

When Rachel realized she wasn't having children, she didn't pray about it. Instead she demanded that Jacob give her children (as if Jacob was somehow **withholding** them from her).

- **Genesis 30:1:** "And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die."

There are times when God gives people children, and there are times when He **withholds** them.

- **Genesis 30:2:** "And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?"
- **Ruth 4:13:** "So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son."

God has the ability to send rain, or **withhold** it.

- **Leviticus 26:4:** "Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the

field shall yield their fruit."

- **Deuteronomy 11:14:** "That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil."

There are times when God punishes a nation for sin by **withholding** rain.

- **Leviticus 26:19:** "And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:"
- **Deuteronomy 11:17:** "And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you."
- **Deuteronomy 28:23:** "And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron."

When the temple was dedicated, Solomon mentioned a case where God was afflicting the Israelites for their sin by **withholding** rain.

- **1 Kings 8:35:** "When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:"
- **2 Chronicles 6:26:** "When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name,

and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;"

God didn't **withhold** His manna from the Israelites when they were in the wilderness.

- **Nehemiah 9:20:** "Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst."

Job said that when God **withholds** waters, places dry up.

- **Job 12:15:** "Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth."

Job said that he hadn't **withheld** from the poor the thing that they desired. (In other words, he helped the poor.)

- **Job 31:16:** "If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;"

God said that light is **withheld** from the wicked. (They walk in spiritual darkness.)

- **Job 38:15:** "And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken."

God is the one who **withholds** wisdom from some animals (such as the ostrich).

- **Job 39:13, 17:** "Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? ...

Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding."

It's good to pray that God wouldn't **withhold** His tender mercies from us.

- **Psalm 40:11:** "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me."

God won't **withhold** any good thing from those who walk uprightly.

- **Psalm 84:11:** "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

If you owe someone something and have the power to pay it then you shouldn't **withhold** it from them.

- **Proverbs 3:27:** "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."

It's possible to **withhold** more than we should. (In other words, there are times when we should be more generous than we actually are.)

- **Proverbs 11:24:** "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

God said that because the Jews polluted their land through

wickedness and idolatry, rain had been **withheld** from them.

- **Jeremiah 3:2-3:** "Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed."

God told the people of Israel and Judah that their sins had caused Him to **withhold** good things from them. (Under the Mosaic Law, the nation was only blessed if it obeyed His Law.)

- **Jeremiah 5:25:** "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you."

If the son of a wicked man doesn't **withhold** the pledge of a debtor then he won't die. (In other words, if he turns away from the sins of his father and does what is right then God will save him. God won't punish him for sins that he didn't commit.)

- **Ezekiel 18:16:** "Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,"

There are times when God **withholds** His judgments. There are also times when He is no longer willing to hold back any longer.

- **Ezekiel 21:5:** "That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more."

God was going to punish Israel by **withholding** wine.

- **Hosea 9:2:** "The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her."

There are times when God **withholds** rain for the purposes of destroying crops.

- **Amos 4:7:** "And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered."

Because God **withheld** rain from some parts of Israel, the people who had no water went to the cities that did have water.

- **Amos 4:8:** "So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD."

God decides if nations make wise or foolish decisions. Wisdom comes from Him, and He can give it or **withhold** it.

- **Obadiah 1:8:** "Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?"

God is the one who gives us much, or who **withholds** it and gives us little.

- **Haggai 1:9:** "Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house."

There are times when God punishes a nation for its sins by withholding crops and sending famine.

- **Haggai 1:10:** "Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit."

God has the power to send abundance, and to **withhold** it. He can multiply the harvest or diminish it.

- **Haggai 2:16:** "Since those days were, when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty."

There are times when God punishes nations by **withholding** food from them.

- **Zechariah 11:9:** "Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another."

During the millennium, God will punish the nations that don't go to Jerusalem to worship Him by **withholding** rain.

- **Zechariah 14:16-17:** "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain."

During the millennium, if the people of Egypt don't travel to Jerusalem to worship Jesus then God will **withhold** rain from that entire nation.

- **Zechariah 14:18:** "And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles."

It's wrong to oppress a hireling (either by **withholding** his wages, or by taking them away from him).

- **Malachi 3:5:** "And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts."

We must not **withhold** forgiveness from people who have sinned against us and repented.

- **Luke 11:4:** "And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive

every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."

God's choice to have mercy on a person or **withhold** it isn't based on anything that person has done or will do. Instead it's His sovereign decision.

- **Romans 9:16, 18:** "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. ... Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth."

It's wrong to **withhold** money from someone who's owed money.

- **Romans 13:7:** "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."

It's wrong to **withhold** honor from someone who's owed honor.

- **Romans 13:7:** "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."

It's wrong to **withhold** fear from someone who ought to be feared. (We *must* fear God. Those who don't fear God are doing something evil.)

- **Romans 13:7:** "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."

The laborer is worthy of his reward. He should be paid, and his wages shouldn't be **withheld**.

- **1 Timothy 5:18:** "For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."

There are times with Jesus will **withhold** His judgment from falling upon certain people, if they repent before that judgment comes.

- **Revelation 2:22:** "Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds."

One of the judgments the Lord Jesus Christ will pour out upon the world during the tribulation is that He will **withhold** the wind.

- **Revelation 7:1:** "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree."