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 AF BIBLE STUDY for Oct.5: Josh.24.1-28

"Cocaine" is the never-never wish-land of more for less--precisely what both Ford and Carter promised in their first debate: more government services for less taxes. To establish credibility, they sounded like databanks--both, paradigms of knowledge and power. Carter lost because he didn't sound like Carter, like a compassionate mensch. "The economics of the gospel"?

I'm assuming:

...that, since Gen.12 was for today and we didn't get to it on 29th St., we'll consider that our one session on that scripture is sufficient;
 ...that I'm to lead the first in the series of Bible studies based in some aspect of our present work. [I hope my memory hasn't failed me in this!]

My choice of scripture derives from:

...my concern for JUSTICE as convergent truth and love, and thus as a primary concept and motivator in all our life and work;

...my present course in OT and the four isms;

...my current ^{or}prayerful puzzling over certain modalities of power (such as "privilege" and "property," on which some recent thinksheets) vis-a-vis justice vis-a-vis the forms of injustice signaled by "classism," "nationalism," "racism," and "sexism."

I direct your attention to one of the several dimensions of this scripture, viz. the extraordinary privileging action of God, problematic for justice in light of the ambiguity of liberty-and-equality at other peoples' expense.

The diagram below, and the attachment [#856], try to crack this open.

How adjudicate, under the aegis of justice, the rival claims of liberty/equality?



inequality:
 natural
 structural
 functional

regulated freedoms-constriction:
 affirmative action (political euphemism for reverse discrimination)
 quotas
 "loopholes" plugging
 restrictive trade policies
 anticartelism