

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is an heir?
2. On what basis did Abraham believe in God's promise?
3. Was it important that Abraham believe? Why?
4. Why is God's word unchangeable?

SUMMARY:

God's promise to Abraham that he should have a son in his old age and become the father of many nations was humanly impossible. Nevertheless, Abraham believed in God's promise, not because it seemed possible, but because he knew God was the Almighty God, who is capable of all things. He also knew that God's Word could not be changed, but would be fulfilled.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

March 7, 2021

First Quarter

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

LESSON TEXT: *Genesis 15:1-8; 17:1-14; Hebrews 6:13-20*

LESSON SETTING: In Jordan (today) near the lower end of the Dead Sea.

TIME: Approximately 1900 BC

- I. GOD PROMISES AN HEIR.** Genesis 15:1-8
 - A. Kinsman (son) as Heir. (vs. 4) Numbers 27:8-11; Deuteronomy 21:15-17
 - B. Heirs in Christ. Romans 8:17; Galatians 3:29; 4:7
 - C. Faith Accounted for Righteousness. (vs. 6) Luke 7:50; Galatians 3:6; Ephesians 2:8-9
- II. GOD EXPLAINS THE COVENANT.** Genesis 17:1-14
 - A. The Almighty God. (vs. 1) Revelation 4:8, 11
 - B. Satisfier of His People. Psalm 22:26; Philippians 4:19
 - C. Makes Fruitful. (vs. 2, 6) Genesis 41:52; Malachi 3:10-11; John 15:5
 - D. A New Name. (vs. 5) Isaiah 6:22; John 1:42; Revelation 2:17
- III. GOD CONFIRMS THE COVENANT.** Hebrews 6:13-20
 - A. Two Immutable Things. (vs. 18)
 - B. An Oath. (vs. 17) Psalm 132:11; Acts 2:30
 - C. Unchangeable Word. (vs. 18) Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6
 - D. Messengers of the Covenant. Malachi 3:1; Luke 7:27; Acts 8:4

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . *I AM THY SHIELD, AND THY EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD.* Genesis 15:1

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Genesis 19:1-29; 2 Peter 2:7-8
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Luke 17:26-30; 2 Peter 2:6, 9

QUARTERLY THEME: The Beginnings

TOPIC: LOT'S DELIVERANCE

INTRODUCTION:

Although Lot made a foolish mistake by choosing the plains land when he was a young man, he did trust the Lord and tried to do His will. We read in 2 Peter 2:7-8 “*And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)*” Also when the angels came to his home, he took them in, protecting them from the evil men at his door. He would even have sacrificed his daughters to protect them. Only his faith in God could have given him the grace to do so. God was pleased with Lot and the angels delivered him from the awful doom of the plains cities.

It was not only because of Lot's righteousness that he was saved, but also because Abraham had interceded for him. How he pleaded with the Lord to save the cities for Lot's sake. This was not granted, but Lot's life was saved. We cannot know how much intercession is done for us by others, nor how often these prayers are answered. But we do know that it is God's will for us to intercede for others and may we all be obedient in this respect. We plead for others as the Holy Spirit leads us, depending completely upon Him.

CENTRAL TRUTH: God's Word is immutable and His promises everlasting.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE LORD KNOWETH HOW TO DELIVER THE GODLY OUT OF TEMPTATIONS, AND TO RESERVE THE UNJUST UNTO THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TO BE PUNISHED:* 2 Peter 2:9

In the days of Lot the place where he lived had become increasingly evil. Men were exceedingly wicked and unjust, filthy in all their conversation. The Word tells us that Lot was a just man, wanting to live in righteousness before God. Circumstances, and perhaps some desire in Lot for worldly things had caused him to be surrounded by all this evil. No doubt, in Lot's heart was the same prayer which Jesus later taught His disciples “*Deliver us from evil.*” The two angels gave Lot the instructions by which he could escape both from the wicked and the judgment which was near. The way was easy to understand. Separate yourself from this evil, for God is going to destroy that which is an abomination to Him.

This is still the course we must follow today to escape evil and its consequences. Jesus said, “*Get thee behind me, Satan.*” The Apostle James wrote, “*Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*” (James 4:7) Paul tells us, “*Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*” (Romans 12:21) and “*come out from among them and be ye separate.*” (2 Corinthians 6:17) If we strive in these ways with God's help, He truly knows how to deliver us out of temptations.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 8 – 14

- M. Abraham Entertains Angels. Genesis 18:1-8
- T. Sodom Ripe for Judgment. Genesis 18:16-22
- W. Abraham Intercedes for Sodom. Genesis 18:23-33
- T. *Lot's Deliverance. Genesis 19:1-29; 2 Peter 2:7-8
- F. God's Delivering Power. Psalm 92:1-16
- S. God Delivers Peter. Acts 12:1-11
- S. God Delivers Paul. Acts 27:21-31

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