

THE PROMISE AND BIRTH OF ISAAC

Genesis 15 - 18, 21:1 - 8

We have seen that Lot's way of life led only to unhappiness and misery on earth, and loss of reward in heaven. Now begin to see what Abram's way of life brought to him:

A. God's First Promises to Abram: Read Genesis 15:1-6

1. What had God promised to Abram in connection with his first call? Genesis 12:2a

2. What had God promised Abram just after Lot chose the best of the land? Genesis 13:16

3. After Abram had delivered Lot from his captors, what was Abram concerned about? Genesis 15:2, 3

4. Who did he think was going to be his heir? Genesis 15:2, 3

5. What did God promise him then? Genesis 15:5

6. What was Abram's response to these promises? Genesis 15:6

B. Abram's First Son: Read Genesis 16:1-16

1. How old was Abram when he left Haran to go to Canaan? Genesis 12:4

2. How long did he live in Canaan without having any children? Genesis 16:3

3. How did Abram's wife think that God might give Abram a son? Genesis 16:2

4. What did she later realize about this plan? Genesis 16:5a

5. What was the name of the son who was born to Abram as a result of this? Genesis 16:15

C. God's Further Promises to Abram: Read Genesis 17:1-27, 18:1-15

1. What promises did God make to Abram when he was 99 years old?
 - a. Genesis 17:2b _____
 - b. Genesis 17:4b _____
 - c. Genesis 17:6b _____
 - d. Genesis 17:15, 16 _____
2. What was Abram's first reaction to these promises? Genesis 17:17

3. What request did he make of God? Genesis 17:18

4. What two things did God tell him? Genesis 17:20, 21
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. What new names did God give to Abram and Sarai? Genesis 17:5, 15

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6. What was Sarah's first reaction when she heard of God's promise? Genesis 18:12
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7. What challenging question did God ask in connection with this event? Genesis 18:14a
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8. What was Abraham's later reaction to God's promises? (See Romans 4:18-21)
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9. What was Sarah's later reaction? (See Hebrews 11:11, 12)
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D. The Result of God's Promises: Read Genesis 21:1-8

1. What was the result of all God's promises to Abraham? Genesis 21:1-3
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2. What did Sarah say about God's fulfillment of His promises? Genesis 21:7
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Have I ever tried to limit God to that which is humanly possible in my life?
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2. Am I willing to trust God for His supernatural working in and through me?
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