

UP WITH THE BIBLE

Studies through the Bible ✦ Learning the Word ✦ Applying the lessons of Truth

Scripture Setting

The Lord called Abraham out of the Mesopotamian valley to journey to a land He would show him. That step began a lifetime walk of faith as he sought to follow God and claim His promises. (Gen. 12)

Lesson Insight

What God has promised He will perform. You can live with the promises of God even when you don't see immediate evidence of their fulfillment.

Take Home

Planning ahead helps us make right decisions, but trusting in God enables us to walk the road of faith simply knowing that "Jesus is the Way!"

Looking Ahead

Deliverance was the hope of Israel as slaves in Egypt. The Exodus is an inspiration for all who are oppressed. (Ex. 1-4)



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Abraham: God Keeps His Promises

People rarely begin a road trip without some idea of where they are going. Many take the time to "google" their destination, learn about the sites and attractions along the way, and look for the best route to get there. It is a good idea to plan your travels. An instructor in Bible college was fond of saying, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there!"

Abraham was called to leave his homeland, travel hundreds of miles to an unknown destination, and trust God to make a great nation from one son born to him in his old age. Though he had little knowledge of how the promises were to be fulfilled, Abraham remained faithful to God and followed Him all the days of his life. He became the father of the nation of Israel as well as other middle eastern nations that trace their lineage back to Abraham. His trust in God and confidence in His promises made





Outline of the Lesson

Jesus is the "son of Abraham." The natural lineage of Christ is traced back to Abraham in the Gospel of Matthew. From the story of Abraham we discover the beginning of the nation of Israel and the promises he received from God.

- Abraham was promised a posterity. His descendants would become a great nation.
- The "Promised Land" is a metaphor born from Abraham's promise of an inheritance of land.
- A blessing to all nations would come through the descendants of Abraham.
- Though his faith was tested and he faced many challenges Abraham remained faithful and is an example to others.

Recognize that the promises of God doesn't guarantee a stress-free existence. God is faithful and we can trust in His promises even while dealing with adversity. Be strong and trust in God knowing that the testing of faith produces positive results.

God keeps his promises!

him the "Father of the Faithful" (Romans 4:11). His promises included land, prosperity, and a posterity (Genesis 22:18). In his seed all the nations were blessed. Jesus was a descendant and a "son of Abraham!"

Even when Abraham was asked to give up his only son of promise, offering him as a sacrifice, he prepared to obey the Lord, confident in God's ability to restore him to life. (Hebrews 11:17-19). When God saw his willingness to obey, a ram was provided in the brush to take Isaac's place on the altar of sacrifice.

When you are challenged to trust God even though you cannot see the next step remember the story of Abraham. Stepping out in faith and trusting in God for directions will lead you into a wonderful future of fulfilled promises. You can trust in His Word and hold on to His promises!

My Notes:

What is important to remember in this Lesson?

