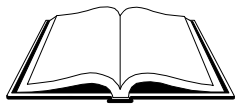


Lesson Six: Isaac, Son of Promise

Lesson Text

Genesis 15:1 - 18:15;
20:1 - 22:24

Daily Bible Reading



Monday

Genesis 15:1 - 16:6

Tuesday

Genesis 16:7 - 17:27

Thursday

Genesis 18:1-15

Friday

Genesis 21

Saturday

Genesis 22

Lesson Concept



FAITH

Trusting in the Lord

Renewed Promises to Abram (15:1-21)

1. What problem does Abram raise before God? What was God's answer? What was Abram's response to God's promise?
2. What application did the apostle Paul make of Abram's statement in verse six? (Rom. 4:1-5; Gal. 3:5-9). What use is made of it by James? (James 2:21-23) How may these applications be harmonized?
3. What likenesses are there between Abram's justification and ours? What differences are there?
4. How long would it be before Abram, in his descendants, would inherit the land? Why so long a time? What would happen to his seed in the meantime?
5. What was the extent of the land promised to Abram?

The Birth of Ishmael (16:1-16)

6. How did Abram and Sarai decide to solve the problem of their childlessness and provide the son promised by God? Did their plan provide a solution to the difficulty or did it cause more problems? What lesson(s) can we learn?
7. Who was Hagar? What consolation did the angel of God give her? Who was her son?

God's Covenant with Abraham (17:1-27)

8. What is God's designation of Himself at the beginning of this chapter? Why does this seem especially appropriate considering the chapter's contents?
9. Why was Abram's name changed to Abraham?
10. What covenant did God make with Abraham and his seed?
11. What was the purpose of circumcision?

12. Comparing verse seventeen to Romans 4:19:

- a. What is said by the apostle Paul about the condition of Abraham and Sarah?
- b. How is the faith of Abraham described? (Romans 4:16-21)

13. Through which of Abraham's sons was God's chosen people to come? What is the meaning of that son's name? Why was he given such a name?

Abraham Is Visited by Three Angels (18:1-15)

14. What application is made in Hebrews 13:2 of the incidents of Genesis 18:1-8 and 19:1-3?

15. What promise is renewed to Abraham? Why did Sarah laugh? What made the promise believable?

Abraham and Sarah in Gerar (20:1-18)

16. How did Abraham sin while in Gerar? Why did he do it?

17. Who seems more righteous in this incident, Abraham or Abimelech? What application(s) can be made from this fact?

18. What additional factor makes this an especially distressing incident? (cf. 12:10-20)

The Birth of Isaac (21:1-7)

19. What was remarkable about the birth of Isaac?

20. Why was "Isaac" such a fitting name? (17:17-19; 18:9-15; 21:6)

The Dismissal of Hagar and Ishmael (21:8-21)

21. How old was Ishmael when Isaac was born? (cf. 16:16 and 17:25)

22. Why did Sarah want Hagar and Ishmael cast out? Why did God approve?

23. What is meant by the statement "*in Isaac your seed shall be called?*"

24. What became of Ishmael and Hagar? What was said of Ishmael's future?

The Covenant at Beersheeba (21:22-34)

25. Who were the parties to this covenant? Who initiated it? Why? What was the nature of it?

26. What does this incident show about the importance and influence of Abraham in the land?

Abraham's Greatest Trial (22:1-24)

27. List as many points as you can which make the command of verse two a difficult trial for Abraham.

28. What did this test reveal about:

- a. Abraham?
- b. The faith of Abraham?
- c. Isaac?

29. Is there any significance to the fact that Abraham arose "early in the morning?"

30. What lesson, based on this chapter, is taught in James 2:20-24?