



Lesson: 2/15/15

## Gods Promise to Abraham

- I. **Promise-** a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen
- II. **Genesis 17-1** – And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me and be thou perfect.
  1. God ask the same from us today,
  2. Why are we suppose to obey God; BECASUSE he is GOD, he made us.
  3. Why Jesus- Jesus had to come to earth so that we would have someone to speak on our behalf
- III. **Genesis 17: 5-14-**
  1. God changes Abram name to Abraham
  2. God establishes his covenant with Abraham-
    - A. Basically God tells Abraham that all males 8 days old and up that live in your house or that you have bought by your money must require circumcision
- IV. **Why Circumcision?**
  1. Sign of obedience to him in all matters
  2. Belonging to the promise that God made with Abraham- once Circumcised- no turning back. Identify as a Jew forever
  3. Symbol- Cutting off the old life of Sin, Dedicating one-self to God



## V. Genesis 17: 17-27

1. God tells Abraham and Sarah they will have a son-Abraham will be 100 and Sarah will be 90.
2. Name Isaac: **VERY IMPORTANT in CHRISTIANITY** -God tells them I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him
3. Ishmael: God tells Abraham he will make him fruitful and will multiply **but** he makes his covenant with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this time next year.
4. Which Son receives the covenant- VERY IMPORTANT- Give slight overview of Muslim/Christian....Muslim feels Ishmael, Christian know it is Isaac...WHY...THE BIBLE TELLS US...and the bible is the living word of God. (Remember Genesis 16:12-Ishmael will be a wild man).

## VI. What can we learn (Take Aways)

1. God always fulfills his promises with you.-
2. God does not work on our timeline- When we try to push God or help God make quicker decision we tend to mess it up.
3. God blessed Abraham because he had FAITH in him. NOT because he was righteous or perfect in God's eyes.
4. As a Youth- you should realize that you will never be perfect, You should always strive to do the right things but know when you fall short of the Glory of God you are saved by his Grace.
5. PERFECTION- When I was a youth I always felt that being a Christian was about living a perfect life? You can never Sin, you always have to be perfect. I would feel like a failure when I did something wrong.



The problem is that I was trying to work myself into heaven. YOU CAN NOT WORK YOURSELVES INTO HEAVEN. We can only enter by the GRACE of GOD through his plan of Salvation.