

Abraham

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Introduction

1. Romans 4:16 father of us all, James 2:23 friend of God; 2 Chronicles 20:7
2. We find more about Abraham than we do any other character in the Bible, both Old and New
3. He is called the father of us all and the friend of God, both high honor for any man.
4. Let us look at a few things about his life that we can emulate in ours

II Discussion

1. He was a man of faith
 1. He received the promise because he was faithful Romans 4:13
 2. He trusted in God Romans 4:18-25
 3. Since he is the father we are the heir Galatians 3:26-4:1
 4. We must have a working faith as he did James 2:21-24
2. He was a friend of God James 2:23
 1. Those who are a friend of God, keep His commandments John 14:15
 2. There is enmity with the world James 4:4
 3. Are you a friend of God?
3. He was in control of his family Genesis 18:19
 1. We fathers should be training our children Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6
 2. Even to the point of where he let Lot chose and then rescued him from harm Genesis 13:8
 3. We ought to be teaching our children when they are young Ecclesiastes 12:1
4. He sinned but still had a desire for heaven
 1. We told a half lie Genesis 12:11-12
 2. He told the same half lie again Genesis 20:2
 3. God can forgive us Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7
5. He was a man of hospitality Genesis 18:1-3
 1. We are to do the same Hebrews 13:2
 2. Our homes are to be open so that the troubled world can see the light, happiness and love that comes from God
6. The rewards of serving God can be seen from his life. Hebrews 11:10, 13-16
 1. He received a place of honor Luke 16; Matthew 8:11-12
 2. What did he do to obtain this place? He obeyed and worshipped God

III Conclusion

1. Abraham had a rich and fulfilling life, we can too John 10:10
2. In order to do that we must do what Abraham did, believed and obeyed God
3. In order to be heir of the promise we must do the same as Abraham did believe and obey
4. Will you believe and obey God today!

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