

Walking with Abraham

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Introduction

1. Romans 4:12
2. Abraham is one of the most talked about characters of the Bible
 - a. He is mentioned at least 231 times
 - b. Abram is mentioned 46 times
 - c. Matthew 1:1
3. There is a connections between Abraham and us Galatians 3:29
4. Look now at 1 John 3:7 there is the doing of righteousness
 - a. There is the standard of righteousness as He is righteous
 - i. Not our standard but His standard Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 23:7
 - b. There is the state of righteousness “in righteous based on the standard
 - c. There are the steps of righteousness “practices” NKJV “doeth”
 - i. This is the arriving at the state of righteousness
 - ii. There are then steps of righteous,
 - iii. Abraham will be our example

II Discussion Walking in the steps of Abraham

1. Genesis 12:1-4 the beginning
 - a. Genesis 11:27-32 introduced to Abram
 - b. Genesis 12:1-4
 - i. Get thee out verse 1
 - ii. He departed verse 4
 - iii. The verses in between are important but for our lesson today these two points need to be remembered
 - c. Hebrews 11:8 Abraham obeyed
 - i. He did not have to build an ark, He did not have to walk around a city, He did not have to dip seven times in the Jordan
 - d. Abraham has faith, Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1, 6, 8 because he obeyed
 - i. He obtained a good report, he is one of the fathers Hebrews 11:2
 - e. Is Abraham accepted of God here?
2. Genesis 15:6 The middle (continuous action)
 - a. A promise has been made Genesis 12:3 In thee shall families of the earth be blessed
 - b. Yet he is childless
 - c. He is told to do something, go outside and look at the stars and number them, so shall thy seed be 15:5
 - d. Genesis 15:6 is quoted in the New Testament Galatians, Romans and James
 - i. Galatians 3:18, by promise not law, it was 430 years before the law
 - ii. Romans 4:12 begin with verse 9, This was done before circumcision was given
 1. Not being weak in faith 4:19, he was 100 years old
 2. Romans 4:1-3 not by works but by faith
 3. Romans 4:20-24 it was written for us (remember this)
 - e. Abraham look at the stars, I made them from nothing, I can give you an heir through Sarah, Nothing is too hard for God Genesis 18:14
3. Genesis 22: ending or faith made perfect
 - a. James 2:20-22 Abraham’s faith was made perfect

- b. Hebrews 11:17-19
- c. Go back to Genesis 22:1-19
 - i. Abraham did what God asked, take the heir of the promise and go offer him
 - ii. Notice Genesis 22:5 I and the lad will go and come again insert Hebrews 11:19
 - iii. He believed God would raise him up, but that was not what happened, in his mind he did, our plans are not God's plans
- d. There is nothing that stands between God and Abraham and he just proved that by offering his only son of promise
- 4. Application to us, we have Abraham as our example, and it was written for us
 - a. Our beginning, we have been called Matthew 11:28-30
 - i. Called out of the world 1 John 2:15-17
 - ii. Called out of darkness 1 Peter 2:9
 - iii. God calls us to leave 2 Corinthians 6:17
 - b. Our middle the challenge of faith, take God at His word Hebrews 11:38-39
 - i. We are to keep on believing, do not draw back
 - c. The perfecting of our faith, proving of our faith, testing of our faith
 - i. Abraham chose God over Isaac
 - ii. We are to choose God over father, mother Luke 14:26; Matthew 10:37

III Conclusion

1. Keep on believing
2. Have our faith made perfect
3. But we must start on this journey believing, repenting, confessing, baptized
4. Our faith this will continue to believe what God has said for us to do
5. Then our faith will be perfect in being tested and showing that we will chose God over anything else.

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