

Father Abraham

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Introduction

1. Romans 4:16
2. He is also called the friend of God James 2:23; 2 Chronicles 20:7
3. This is the day we set aside to honor our fathers
4. Since Abraham is called the father of us all let us notice some characteristics of his life that we ought to emulate

II Discussion

1. He is an example of faith
 - a. He received the promise because he was faithful Romans 4:13-20
 - b. He also trusted in God Romans 4:18-25
 - c. Since he is our father we can be heirs Galatians 3:26-29
 - d. We must have a working faith as Abraham did James 2:21-24
2. He is called the friend of God James 2:23
 - a. Friends will keep the commandments of God John 15:14
 - b. If we are friends with the world we are enemies of God James 4:4
 - c. Are you a friend of God?
3. He was in control of his family Genesis 18:19
 - a. Fathers are the one to train the children Ephesians 6:4
 - b. This is to be done while the children are young Proverbs 22:6; Ecclesiastes 12:1
 - c. Abraham let Lot choose (he chose wrong) yet Abraham rescued him Genesis 13:8
4. He desired heaven Hebrews 11:15-16
 - a. Yes he sinned Genesis 12:11-12; 20:2; Revelation 21:8
 - b. So God forgave him
 - c. Luke 16 Abraham's bosom
5. He was a man of hospitality Genesis 18:1-3
 - a. We are to do the same Hebrews 13:2
 - b. Our homes are to be open so that the troubled world can see the light of God (Matthew 5:13-16), the happiness that comes from God and the love that all should have one for another.

6. The rewards of serving God can be seen from his life Hebrews 11:10; 13-16
 - a. He has received a place of honor Luke 16; Matthew 8:11
 - b. What did he do to obtain such an honor, he believed God i.e. he obeyed God

III Conclusion

1. Abraham had a right and fulfilling life, we can too John 10:10
2. In order to do that we must do what Abraham did, that is obey God
3. Are you willing to obey God today?
4. Then come now

Sources: Tompson chain reference; old sermon preached 1989