



- Is Abram a man that has it all together? Explain.

Read chapter 15

- What are Abram's fears? How is he tempted not to believe God?
- What precedes God's declaration of Abram's righteousness?
- What follows God's declaration of Abram's righteousness?

Read chapter 17

- How does God reaffirm his promise to Abram?
- Does this covenant have a sign?
  - What is it?

In conclusion, write down any additional observations that seem significant to you, and any questions that you have about the passages you have studied today.

***Living in Covenant with God***

Lesson Four: God's Covenant with Abraham

Day 2

*As you begin to study today please take a moment to pray that God would teach you his truth and lead you in his ways. (Psalm 25:4-5)*

Today we are going to look at the **character** of God's covenant with Abraham. To review the explanation of **character** of covenants review day 3 of our introductory lesson.

Remember that a covenant is a relationship that is plural, personal, and purposeful. With that in mind, let's look again at Genesis 12, 15, and 17

- Who initiates the covenant bond between God and Abram? Where do you see this?
- Recall from your study yesterday, did Abram merit God's favor? Why or why not?

Read Genesis 12:1-3 & 17:7-8

- Is this covenant between God and Abraham only, or do other's benefit from it? How so?

Read Genesis 15

- How does God act personally in this covenant?

Read the following quote from James Montgomery Boice found in his commentary on Genesis.

"We must remember...that an oath is confirmed in different ways in the various cultures around the world. In America, if you are in court and swear to 'tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,' you confirm your oath by placing you hand on a Bible. In Muslim lands, an oath is confirmed by reference to the beard of the Prophet. In Abram's day, and oath was confirmed by a ceremony in which animals were cut into two parts along the backbone and place in two rows, the rows facing each other across a space marked off between them. The parties to the oath walked together into the space between the parts and spoke their promises there. The oath was especially sacred because of the shed blood." (Boice, 562)



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Today we are going to look at the **conduct** of God's covenant with Abraham. To review the explanation of **conduct** of covenants review day 4 of our introductory lesson.

Remember that all covenants have parties, conditions and consequences. These three components make up the conduct of a covenant.

Reread Genesis 12, 15, and 17.

- Who are the parties involved in this covenant?

Look closely Genesis 12:1-7 and Chapter 15.

- What did God ask Abram to do?
  
- What promises does God make to Abram?
  
- Are there any barriers that stand in the way of those promises?
  
- Read Genesis 18:19. What did Abraham have to do in order to meet the conditions of the covenant?
  
- On whom did the **responsibility** for meeting the conditions of the covenant fall?

- Is it possible that God put *conditions* on Abraham but the *responsibility* on Himself? What might that mean?
  
- Are there blessings promised in this covenant? What are they?
  
- What are the curses of this covenant (Chapter 15)?
  
- Does this covenant follow the pattern of a suzerain-vassal treaty or a royal grant treaty?
  - Why might that be important?

Read Genesis 17:9-14.

- What is the sign of this covenant?
  - What does it symbolize?
  
  - What is its purpose?
  
- How is grace foundational to God's covenant with Abram?

Read Genesis 17:7

- Is this covenant still in effect? If so, how?

Look back over what you have studied so far this week. In your own words, write an explanation of God's covenant with Abraham.

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Day 4

*As you begin to study today please take a moment to pray that God would teach you his truth and lead you in his ways. (Psalm 25:4-5)*

Today we are going to study **Christ** in the Covenant with Abraham. God's relationship with Abraham serves as both a model and promise of how we are to live life with God by grace through faith, and Christ is the mediator of that promise. Such a life is only possible through Him.

- What was the spiritual condition of Abraham and his family? Were they under the curse of the Covenant of Works?
  
- What did God promise Abraham?
  - Genesis 12:2
  
  - Genesis 12: 7
  
  - Genesis 15:5
  
  - Genesis 17:7

Take a moment to meditate on the significance of these blessings.

- What did Abraham have to do to receive these promises?
  - Genesis 12:1
  
  - Genesis 15:1-7
  
- How is God able to fulfill these promises in the lives of a people still under a curse?  
(Hint: Genesis 15, Isaiah 53, & 2 Corinthians 20)

- Who are Abraham's offspring?
  - Genesis 17:1-14
  - Romans 4:9-12
  - Galatians 3:29
- How are we grafted into this covenant?  
(Hint: it is the same way that Abraham received the promise, Mark 1:15)

Read Romans 3:28-4:5 and meditate on the promise from God of justification by grace through faith as seen in the Abrahamic Covenant.

- What are some things that are striking to you as you study this passage?

In conclusion, write a summary of how Christ is displayed in God's covenant with Abraham.

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Day 5

God's Covenant with Abraham

*As you begin to study today please take a moment to pray that God would teach you his truth and lead you in his ways. (Psalm 25:4-5)*

Today we are going to spend our time reviewing what we have learned and exploring how it applies to our lives.

- In the Abrahamic covenant, what did God promise to Abraham?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What was Abraham's responsibility under this covenant?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Is this a covenant of works or grace? How so?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- According to the verses we studied this week, how does Abraham receive righteousness?
  - Is this true for us today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How does God show intimacy in his relationship with Abraham?

One of the most profound promises in this covenant is found in Genesis 17:7 when God says, "I will be God to you and your offspring after you."

- How was Abraham's life radically different because of this promise?

