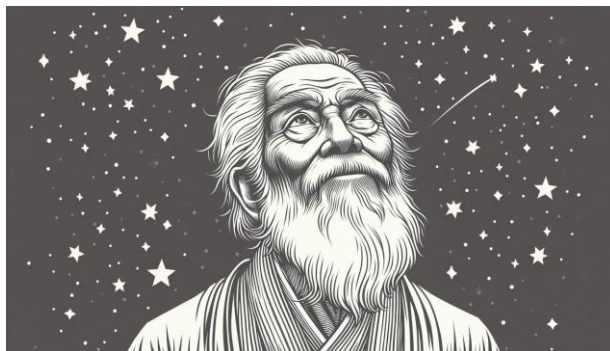


Abraham – God’s promises to repair his family



The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

*“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you. ”*

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

~ Genesis 12:1-9~

Has anyone every promised you something really really cool? How did that make you feel?

Well Abraham was a 75 year old man, married to Sarah, when God promised him that he would bless him and the whole world through him, give him a new land to live in and give him heaps of descendants (that is kids and grandkids and great grandkids and so on).

But there seemed to be a couple of problems with these problems.

Firstly, God asked them to move to a land that they had never lived in, and that other people owned.

And secondly, and maybe even more of an issue, Abraham and Sarah had no children, and they were too old to start having children.

But Abraham trusted that God would keep his promises. So he did what God told him to do, and he left his home and went to where God told him to go. And it did take some time, well a long time (25years), but God kept his promises and Abraham had a son, named Isaac!

God always keeps his promises. He never ever breaks them.

So when God promised Abraham blessing, land and descendants, he kept it.

When God promised he would fix up our sin problem, he kept.

And when God promises that he can bring us into his forever family, he keeps it!

Some questions to think about:

1. What were the promises God made to Abraham?
2. Do you think it would have been easy or hard for Abraham to trust God's promises? Why do you think that?
3. How do you feel knowing that God always keeps his promises?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that you always keep your promises. Thank you that you kept your promises to Abraham and that you keep your promise to fix our sin problem. Help me to remember your promises and trust that you always keep them.

Amen.