

# God's Promise To Abram



# The Story...

*Of How God Changes Lives*

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## #2: A God Of Promise

### A Study Of Genesis 12:1ff.

### God's Promises

Each day we live, we depend on God's promises. From the day of our Baptism, we depended on God's promise of grace in Jesus Christ. Each time we receive the Holy Supper, we depend on God's promises of strength and renewal. Each time we read God's Word we read of God's promises... time and time again.

What are some of the promises God gives you?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What are some obstacles for trusting God's promises?

### Profiles In Promise

God gave his promises to many people in the Bible. In the table below, list some of the people in the Bible you can think of to whom God gave His promises. Then, in the column to the right, list some reasons that God shouldn't have given His promise.

Person Promised	Promise Given	Reason Promised Undeserved

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1. What things strike you about Abraham's faith?
2. What things do you believe were hardest?
3. What enabled Abraham to continue to walk in faith?
4. What lessons can you learn from Abraham that your faith needs most right now?

One person wrote, "You can't break God's promises by leaning on them!"

### **Abraham: Profile In Promise**

Read each of the following Scriptures. Then describe how Abraham lived by God's promises in each of these readings

- 1) Genesis 12:1-5 Promise of Land**
- 2) Genesis 12:6-9**
- 3) Genesis 12:10-20**
- 4) Genesis 13:1**
- 5) Genesis 17:1 Re: Ishmael**
- 6) Genesis 18:1-15 Promise of Child**
- 7) Genesis 18:15ff. Sodom**
- 8) Genesis 21:1ff. Hagar**
- 9) Genesis 22:1 Sacrifice Of Isaac**

1. What patterns do you find the above?
  
  2. In what ways do we follow that pattern?
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### **We Live In God's Promises**

1. God's Cleansing -- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9)
2. God's Presence -- "I will never leave thee" (Heb. 13:5)
3. God's Protection -- "I am thy shield" (Gen. 15:1)
4. God's Power -- "I will strengthen thee" (Isa. 41:10)
5. God's Provision -- "I will help thee" (Isa. 41:10)
6. God's Purposes -- "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil" (Jer. 20:11)
7. God's Rest -- "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28)
8. God's Goodness -- "No good thing will He withhold from them that work uprightly" (Psalm 84:11)
9. God's Faithfulness -- "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Dt. 31:8)
10. God's wise plan -- "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28)

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