

Sermon: “The Father of the Goys: Abraham! (Huh?)”

Text: Genesis 11:27-12:4 (page 8 in pew Bible)

Note for Genesis 12:1ff:

Acts 7:2-4 “The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’ Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran.”

I. The exceeding greatness of Abraham in the Bible

A. Abraham in the Old Testament

- **Genesis 1-11: Creation, The Fall, The Flood, Babel**
- **Genesis 11-25: ABRAHAM!!**

B. Abraham in The New Testament

His name appears over 70 times (20 times more than David)

Stephen begins his testimony of the gospel of Christ with Abraham.
(Acts 7:2)

When Paul wants to illustrate the doctrine of justification by faith alone the first example he gives is Abraham (Romans 4)

When Matthew begins his gospel account with the genealogy of Jesus, how does he introduce it?

“This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham” Matthew 1:1

Paul says Abraham is the father of us all – writing to Christians
Romans 4:16-17 “That it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. **He is the father of us all.** As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”
He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed.”

II. God’s electing Abraham by His sovereign grace.

Genesis 12:1-2 “Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation..”

Joshua 24:2 “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and *they served other gods.*”

III. God explaining to Abraham His sovereign promise.

Genesis 12:2-3 “And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

The contrast between Adam and Abraham

A. Through Adam all people are cursed because of what Adam did (His sinful failure)

B. Through Abraham (but more specifically Abraham’s descendent) all people can be blessed *because of what the descendent did.*

And that descendent is Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:16 “Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” **who is Christ.**”