

Sermon: “The God Who Does It All”

Text: Genesis 17:1-8 (pew Bible page 11)

Abraham:

- **A model for Christians of being saved by faith**

Romans 4:2-3 “If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? **“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”**

- **A model for Christians of living by faith**

Romans 4:16 “Abraham, who is the father of us all.”

I. The reappearance of the covenant keeping God.

A. Faith in spite of long-suffering silence from God

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram”
Vs. 1

B. Faith inspired by the supreme Sovereignty of God

“I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.” Vs.1

II. The reaffirmation of the covenant by God.

A. The promise of a multitude of descendants

Verse 2 “multiply you greatly.”

Verse 4 “you shall be the father of a multitude of nations”

Verse 6 “I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.”

“Who does God consider to be a descendent of Abraham?”

Galatians 3:6, 7, 9

“Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? Know then that it is **those of faith** who are the sons of Abraham. So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3: 29 “If you are Christ's, then **you are Abraham's offspring**, heirs according to promise.”

Romans 4:11-12 The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but **who also walk in the footsteps of the faith** that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Romans 2:28-29 “For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter.”

Romans 9:6-7 “Not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring.”

Revelation 7:9 “And after these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude**, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands.”

B. The promise of a permanent property

Verse 8 “I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession..”

Hebrews 11:1, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16 “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to **the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God**. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.” For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. But as it is, **they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

III. The revelation of Who the covenant is really all about.

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.**”