

Abraham Faith vs. Works

Why Abraham matters to the Gospel?

- 1) Gospel is not novel with the Apostles
- 2) Abraham is the father of the “people” of God
- 3) Abraham is presented uniquely as the “believer”

A. Faith Encounters – v. 1-3

1) Gen 12:1-8

- a. Promise Stated
 - Great Nation / Name
 - Blessed / Blessing
 - Land / Seed
- b. Instruction
 - Go out to the Land I will show you
- c. Response
 - Obedience of faith
 - Worship

2) Gen 13:14-18

- a. Promise Amplified
 - Forever Land
 - Countless Seed
- b. Instruction
 - Walk about the Land
- c. Response
 - Obedience of faith
 - Worship

3) Gen 15:1-7

- a. Promise Restated
 - Shield / Reward
 - Seed / Land
- b. Instruction
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- c. Response
 - Believed >> God reckoned him righteous

4) Gen 17:1-11

- a. Promise Expanded
 - Father of Nations
 - Everlasting Covenant with Seed
 - Seed will come from you AND Sarah
- b. Instruction
 - Circumcise throughout generations
- c. Response
 - Obedience of faith

5) Gen 22:1-18 – The Test

- a. Instruction
 - Sacrifice only son
- b. Response
 - Obedience of faith
- c. Promise Reiterated
 - Blessed / Blessing
 - Great Name
 - Seed

B. Grace Economics – v. 4-5**1) Working-Man Economics – v. 4****2) Grace Economics – v. 5****Praxis**

1. What are instances in which a young child must simply trust his father's word? How is this reality parallel to our need to take God at His word?
2. What were some times we know Abraham did not act with faith (see Gen 12:10-20, 17:17-18, 20:1-13). Why didn't God remove his "righteous" status?
3. Consider James 2:20-24 – How is James' point different than Paul's point in Romans 4:1-5? Why are both important?
4. Verbalize how you would explain to someone what it means to put their faith in Christ for salvation.
5. Strategize how Grace Economics can be extended to your family members, neighbors, enemies in the coming week? What will you have to give up to do so?