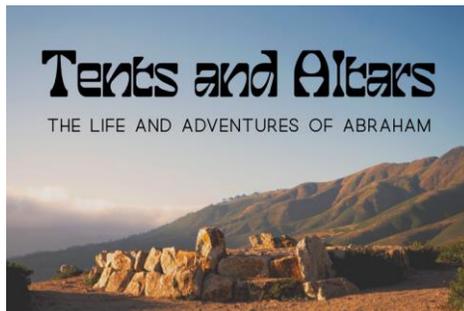


DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



July 2, 2023

Genesis 17

The God of the Impossible Part 1

Main Idea

God reaffirms His covenant with Abram, who's name He changes to Abraham ("father of many nations"). After giving Abraham instructions concerning the sign of the covenant, God corrected his misunderstanding about its fulfillment. The son/heir promised to Abraham would be born to Sarai, who's name God changed to Sarah ("Princess"). God Almighty (Heb: "El Shaddai") assured Abram that it would be so.

Outline

1. God reaffirms His covenant with Abram
2. God requires Abraham's obedience (and his descendants' obedience) to the covenant
3. God rectifies Abraham's misunderstanding about the fulfillment of the covenant's key initial event.

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 On this occasion, Yahweh revealed Himself to Abram as “God Almighty” (El Shaddai). What is the true special significance of that name?

- Why was it especially fitting for Abram to think of God’s awesome, unlimited power on this occasion?

#2 What is meant when we say that God is omnipotent?

How is God’s omnipotence a comfort to you as a believer?

#3 According to Pastor Vaughn, what was the meaning of God’s demand of Abram to walk before Him and be blameless?

#4 How could Abraham know for certain that God Himself would accomplish all that He had promised?

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