

It Counted as Righteousness

As we continue to go over stories about bible characters we all know I want to chat about Abraham.

Abraham as you know is who God gave the most notable covenant in the Old Testament. We will look at what Gos said about Abraham. We will look at Abrahams behaviour, and lastly we will look at what others quote about Abraham.

First we will switch to Abrahams first name Abram. That was his name before God changed it.

We pick up Abram's story in Genesis 12. We don't know much about him yet as we just learned about him and his wife at the end of chapter 11. In the first 3 verses God tells Abram the covenant He is making with him. The main thing in this covenant is three things.

1. I will make you a great nation.
2. I will make your name great.
3. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.

This is the beginning of the covenant and we will discuss this in depth Sunday.

Today We are going to look at few verses about Abram.

1. Genesis 15:6
2. Romans 4:3
3. Galations 3:6
4. James 2:23

All three of these scriptures says the same thing. Abraham believed God and it counted as righteousness. What did Abraham believe?

What can we believe today that can be counted as righteousness?

Was Abram a good person?

Lets look at Genesis 12

1. Verses 10 through 20. Abram told the pharaoh that his wife was his sister. Now she was his half sister but this was told out of fear. Was this a lie?

Genesis 20:1-18

1. Abraham after his name was changed lies again out of fear. He again told a king that his wife was his sister. This time she was not slept with.

So Abraham twice lied out of fear. How could he be called righteous if he was a known liar and possibly coward?

What did he “do” to be called righteous?

Where did his righteousness come from?

Let's jump in the story to where his faith was tested.

Genesis 22:1-19

1. Let's read the first verse.
2. Let's read the last verse

Abraham was promised a son. God gave him a son. It was part of God's covenant with him.

Remember in Genesis 3 where Eve gave Adam the fruit? Did Adam eat what his wife gave him? Where did Eve come from? Could it then be said that Eve was of Adams flesh?

What is the difference between these two men? Adam chose His flesh. Abraham chose God's promise. Adam didn't believe God. Abraham proved He believed what God told him.

1. Do you trust your flesh or God's word?
2. Are you called righteous because of your belief in the words of God?