

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB

SEEING CHRIST THROUGH STRUGGLING SAINTS



Genesis 17:1-8

Recap from the last 2 weeks

1. God **appears** (His presence)
2. God **attaches** (His promises)
3. God **attracts** (His power & purpose)

1. God **appears** (His presence)

Genesis 12:1

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.

2. God **attaches** (His promises)

Genesis 12:2

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.

3. God **attracts** (His power & purpose)

Genesis 12:2

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.**

Abram's response:

Genesis 12:4

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

he obeyed

1. God (re)appears (His presence)

Genesis 15:1

After these things **the word of the LORD** came to **Abram in a vision**: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

2. God **attaches** (His promises expanded)

Genesis 15:4-5

...“your very own son shall be your heir.” And he (*God*) brought him (*Abram*) outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

3. God **attracts** (His power & purpose)

Genesis 15:17-18

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land.

Abram's response:

Genesis 15:6

And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

he believed

1. God (re)appears

Genesis 17:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD **appeared** to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,

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Genesis 28:16

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.”

1. God (re)appears

Genesis 17:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD **appeared** to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,

2. God **attaches**

Genesis 17:1b-5

“I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”

Then Abram fell on his face.

2. God **attaches**

Genesis 17:1b-5

And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

2. God **attaches**

Hebrews 11:11

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

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Genesis 17:6-8

I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring

3. God **attracts** (His power & purpose)

Genesis 17:6-8

after you. And 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, and I will be their God.”

Abraham's response:

- 1) He **believes** (Genesis 15:6 - And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.)
- 2) He **obeys** (Genesis 12:4 - So Abram went, as the LORD had told him...)
- 3) He **repents** (Genesis 17:3 - Then Abram fell on his face.)

3. God **attracts** (His power & purpose)

Romans 4:19

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

3. God **attracts** (His power & purpose)

Romans 4:19 (NIV)

Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that **his body was as good as dead**—since he was about a hundred years old—and that **Sarah's womb was also dead.**

3. God **attracts** (His power & purpose)

Romans 4:20-22

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”

3. God **attracts** (His power & purpose)

Romans 4:23-25

But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.