



When It Doesn't Make Sense

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TRUTH

Abraham believed what God had promised him and it was credited to him as righteousness.

THE PROMISE (GENESIS 17:1–8)

Now 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“I will make My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly.”

THE PROMISE (GENESIS 17:1-8)

³Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, ⁴“As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵“No longer shall you be named Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

THE PROMISE (GENESIS 17:1–8)

⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

THE PROMISE (GENESIS 17:1–8)

⁸And I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land where you live as a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Abram

Exalted Father

Abraham

Father of a
multitude; father
of many nations

HEBREWS 11:13-16

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen and welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.

HEBREWS 11:13-16

¹⁵And indeed if they had been thinking of that country which they left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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 a city for them.

GENESIS 22:1-19

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

GENESIS 22:1-19

³So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place of which God had told him.

⁴On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

GENESIS 22:1-19

⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the boy will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

GENESIS 22:1-19

⁷Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

GENESIS 22:1-19

⁹Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰And Abraham reached out with his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

GENESIS 22:1-19

¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not reach out your hand against the boy, and do not do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

GENESIS 22:1-19

¹³Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in the place of his son. ¹⁴And Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

GENESIS 22:1-19

¹⁵Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven,
¹⁶and said, “By Myself I have sworn,
declares the Lord, because you have
done this thing and have not
withheld your son, your only son,

GENESIS 22:1-19

¹⁷indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand, which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.

GENESIS 22:1-19

¹⁸And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” ¹⁹So Abraham returned to his young men, and they got up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived in Beersheba.

THOUGHT

Everything we have is from God, who are we to withhold anything from Him?

HEBREWS 11:17-19

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and the one who had received the promises was offering up his only son; ¹⁸it was he to whom it was said, "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE NAMED." ¹⁹He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

THOUGHT

Just because we have God's promises doesn't mean we won't be tested. God will always show Himself faithful and we have opportunities to show our faith and trust in return, with open hands towards God.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13

The statement is trustworthy: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹²If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He will also deny us; ¹³If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.