

# ABRAHAM

## Introduction

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*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Rom. 15:4)*

### **Abraham – born into idolatry...**

*“Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and worshiped other gods.” (Joshua 24:2b)*

### **Abraham – became the father of faith...**

*“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many.” (Isaiah 51:1-2)*

*“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness”...So then, he is the father of all who believe... (Rom. 4:3b, 11b)*

- **The risk of faith** – *“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.” (Heb. 11:8)*

- **The power of faith** – *“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations...Yet he did not waver...” (Rom. 4:18, 20)*
- **The perseverance of faith** – *“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.” (Heb. 11:13a)*
- **The reward of faith** – *“Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.” (Heb. 11:16)*

*And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. (James 2:23)*

### **Abraham – the promised fulfilled in Jesus...**

*You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus...If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Gal. 3:26, 29)*