

A Father like Abraham

Genesis 22:1-14

Next to God Himself, Abraham is probably the most notable father in the bible.

Over and over in scripture he is referred to as “Father Abraham.”

Romans 4:11, 12, 18

Why is Abraham a good fatherly example?

Genesis 18:19

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¹⁹ I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just. Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised.”

There is no such thing as a perfect father here on earth.

Our text presents 5 good qualities of a father in Abraham.

1. He listened to God.

2. He obeyed God.

3. He worshiped God.

4. He trusted God.

5. He pleased God.

I. He listened to God. Vs 1-2

It is amazing what can happen when we listen to God.

Last week Shea Hughes spoke of the still small voice of God.

We don't always hear what we want to hear when we listen to God.

Our children are God's gifts to us but they really belong to Him.

That's why we have baby dedications. We give them back to Him.

He holds us responsible for the training we give them and the example of faithfulness that we set before them.

We must help to form their value system.

When God made the request of Abraham He took away all his probable excuses v.2

It is important for us to take time to listen to our Heavenly Father.

John 8:43

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⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

Proverbs 22:17

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Sayings of the Wise

**¹⁷ Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,
And apply your heart to my knowledge;**

James 1:22-25

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²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

II. He obeyed God vs. 2-4

There is a difference between hearing and listening.

Listening includes obeying.

v. 3 He went where he was told to go.

Unlike King Saul.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

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²² So Samuel said:

“Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
As in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
He also has rejected you from *being* king.”

The only way to have God’s blessing is to be obedient.

III. He worshipped God v. 5-6

Notice Abraham went prepared to offer a sacrifice to God.

What do you and I bring when we come to worship?

Psalm 97:7-9

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- ⁷ Let all be put to shame who serve carved images,
Who boast of idols.
Worship Him, all *you* gods.
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoice
Because of Your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For You, LORD, *are* most high above all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.

Psalm 100

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A Psalm of Thanksgiving.

- ¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
- ² Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the LORD, He *is* God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;^[a]
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.
- ⁵ For the LORD *is* good;

**His mercy *is* everlasting,
And His truth *endures* to all generations.**

IV. He trusted God vs. 7-8

Abraham's entire life was characterized by his faith in God.

Hebrews 11:8-10

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Faithful Abraham

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Hebrews 11:17-19

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The Faith of the Patriarchs

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "*In Isaac your seed shall be called,*"^[a] ¹⁹ concluding that God *was* able to raise

him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

V. He pleased God vs. 8-12

God did not want Isaac's blood. He wanted Abraham's obedience.

Hebrews 11:6

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⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Genesis 15:6

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⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Have a good testimony.

Hebrews 11:1

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Hebrews 11

By Faith We Understand

¹ **Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

Hebrews 11:2

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² **For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.**

Hebrews 11:5

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⁵ **By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “*and was not found, because God had taken him*”;^[a] for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

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Benediction:

Hebrews 13:20-21

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Benediction, Final Exhortation, Farewell

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you^[a] what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.