

“Abraham-Lessons to Learn”

Gen. 12:1-5

Introduction

- I. The life of Abraham is a very important study for a student of the Bible (Gen. 12:1-5; Gal. 3:16).
- II. Abraham is the ancestral father of the Jews, through whom came Christ (John 8:56; Gal. 3:8).
- III. Let us notice some key things about Abraham that can help us today.

Discussion

- I. Abraham was a man of faith.
 - A. What is faith (Heb. 11:1; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)?
 - B. How do I develop faith (Rom. 10:17)?
 - C. Christians are to have similar faith to Abraham's (Rom. 4:12).
 - D. Abraham had a deep, trusting faith (Gen. 22; Heb. 11:17-19).
- II. Abraham was a man justified by works.
 - A. Without his works of obedience, Abraham's faith would have not been enough (James 2:21-22).
 - B. No man is justified by alone (James 2:24-26).
- III. Abraham was a man known as the “friend of God”.
 - A. There are three different occasions that Abraham is referred to as the “friend of God” (2 Chr. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; James 2:23).
 - B. How does one become a “friend of God” (John 14:15; Eccl. 12:13-14)?
 - C. We will either be God's friend, or we will be God's enemy (James 4:4; Heb. 10:31).
- IV. Abraham was a man that taught his family.
 - A. God knew that Abraham would teach his offspring (Gen. 18:19).
 - B. We must make sure that the next generation knows the importance of being faithful to God (Deut. 11:18-21).
- V. Abraham, although a great man, was a man that sinned.
 - A. Genesis 12
 - B. Genesis 20
 - C. With the exception of Jesus, even the greatest will sin (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:6-10).

Conclusion

- I. Abraham is a man that is worthy of our study.
- II. There is a reason that he is called “the father of the faithful”.