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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 12.04.22 Pulpit Curriculum

Abrahamic Covenant

Main passage: Genesis 12:1-3

When people want to make an agreement, they sign a contract. God doesn't make agreements; He makes (or cuts) a covenant.

God's promises to Abraham:

Karat- Hebrew word that means "to cut;" God's covenant involved a cutting (separating two things and blood is shed). [Gen. 9:11; Lev. 7:27; 1 Sam. 24:6; 1 Sam. 17:51; Lev. 17:11]

1) **"I will make of you a great nation."** (v. 2)

- Even though Abraham had no children (yet), God cut an everlasting covenant where He would establish the nation of Israel (and the gentiles) through Abraham.
- A. When God calls us (or burdens us) to do something for Him, He doesn't give us every single detail. This requires a lot of trust and reliance upon the Lord. Do the unknowns of life cause you to fear or worry on how it is all going to work out? What areas of your life do you need to strengthen your trust in the Lord and flee anxiety or self-reliance? _____

2) **"I will make your name great."** (v. 2)

- Since God gave Abraham his name, He would ensure that many would know of Abraham all for God's glory, all for God's redemptive plan. For many of us, our name may not be great in others' eyes (and we will easily forgotten after we have left this earth), but we are important in the Lord's eyes most of all.
- A. When it comes to your gifts, talents, or reputation, are you tempted to strive to make a name for yourself as to please man, or are you motivated to please God with your life and give Him glory alone? _____
- B. One way to think less of ourselves is to focus on the greatness of God. What attribute of God do you want to learn more so that you can rightly praise His great name? _____



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3) **"I will bless you."** (v. 2)

- God blessed Abraham with many material blessings, but most importantly, the blessing was that God promised to always be with Abraham. This is our blessing in Christ; We are never alone!

A. Do you find yourself feeling lonely and believing the lie that you are alone in your pain/isolation/trial? _____

4) **"You will be a blessing."** (v. 2) [John 7:38]

- Abraham is a blessing to others because through his (and the nation of Israel's) covenant with God, all believers are receivers of the blessing of Christ.

A. One way we can be blessed to be a blessing to others is to share the hope of the gospel with a hurting and sinful world. What person do you know who needs to receive that blessed hope? Make a point to pray for/and or share truth with this person this week. _____

5) **"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you, I will curse."** (v. 3)

- God loves His people with a jealous love and promises to bless those who take care of His people (Israel). In history, God wiped out nations who opposed Israel.

A. What does this specific detail of God's covenant with Abraham teach you more about God? _____

6) **God Alone Cuts Covenant** [Gen. 15:1-6; 9-18; Gal. 3:15; Jn. 3:16]

- The covenant is all God's doing. Abraham believed and it was counted to him as righteousness. Abraham did not act perfectly, yet God still acted on his behalf and paid the price. Ultimately, Christ was God's final sacrifice whereby all could be partakers of the blessings of God's covenant through Jesus Christ.

A. There are conditions to God's covenant, but they are not conditions for the end result (salvation). Do you find yourself striving to uphold God's covenant to receive the blessings found in Christ (perhaps working to earn God's favor and love)? _____

B. What promise of God in Christ would you like to thank Him for this week?
