

Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 17:1-23

Title: The Abrahamic Covenant (Part 3) **Speaker:** Pastor David Menard, 9/4/2022

Discussion Starter – What intrigues you most about how God brings about this Abrahamic covenant?

God's Promises and Covenant with Abram - (Genesis 12 & 15)

- We recall that at 75 years of age God called this sinful pagan man to follow Him. What were the contents of what God promised Abram in Genesis 12? How have we seen the realization of God's promises to Abram depicted historically in time and recorded in God's word?
- What are some of the promises that God has made in His word to you that you have seen manifested in your own life? What are some of the promises that you are holding onto by faith that have not come to pass yet?
- What was God's purpose for choosing Abram and creating the Abrahamic Covenant?
- Why do you think Abram questions God about the promises He made to him in Genesis 15?
- How does God respond to Abram's question and what is significant and unusual about the ritual that is performed solidifying the covenant in this chapter of Genesis 15?

God's Covenant with Abraham Confirmed - (Genesis 17)

- What does it reveal to us about God, as he calls Abram to walk before Him? What does it mean to walk before God?
- God also called Abram to be blameless. What does this mean and how could he possibly walk in a blameless manner? Read Psalm 19:7-14. What insights and practical knowledge can we extract from this passage to help us understand how we are also to walk blameless with our LORD?
- What are the three essential pillars that God reaffirms about the Abrahamic Covenant in this chapter?
- Why do you think God changed Abram's name to Abraham? What did this signify?
- What was God's purpose for circumcision? How does this apply to us today as Christians?
- How long has it been since God made His initial promises to Abraham? What was God's
 purpose for waiting so long? What are some of the things you are waiting on God for in your
 prayers?
- What does God reveal to Abraham about his wife Saria that comes to him as a surprise? How does Abraham respond and what did he think God was going to do?
- We see God is making Abraham into a great man of character and He desires to do that with us. God wants us to realize that we cannot live out a life of faith in our own power. What are some of the things God has allowed you to go through to get to the place that you realize you cannot do it in your own strength?