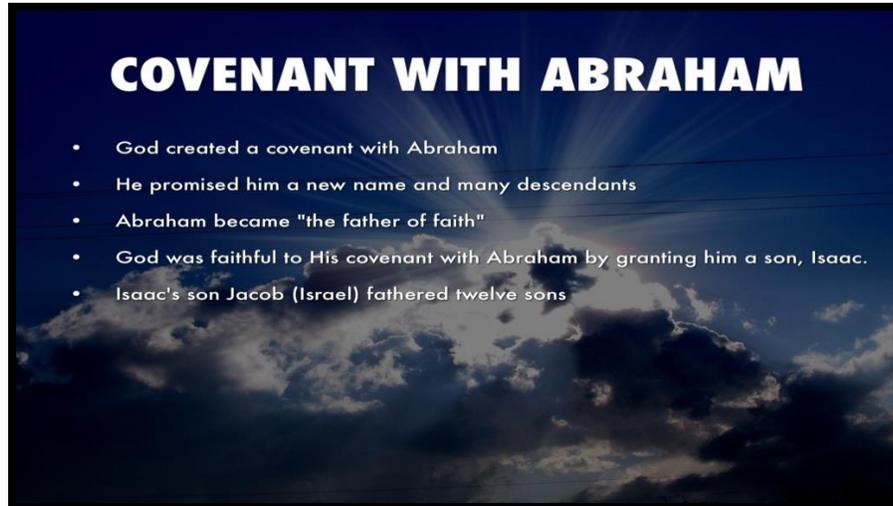


**FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017  
THEME – COVENANT WITH GOD  
UNIT I – SIGNS OF GOD’S COVENANTS**

**“GOD’S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM”**



**Lesson II – September 10, 2017**

**Lesson Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III – Pastor-Teacher**

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 17:1-14

**Required Reading:** Genesis Chapters 12; 15; 16; 17

**Motto Text:** Genesis 17:10, *“This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.”*

**Reliable Resources:** Logos Bible Software; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI); Standard Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Genesis by D. G. Barnhouse; Analytical Bible Exposition by Butler

**LESSON INTRODUCTION**

According to Precepts for Living, “The Lord God called out Abram (exalted father), set him apart from his kindred, and promised to bless him. God said He would give Abram land and make him a great nation (Gen. 12:1-3). Abram believed and set out on a journey to follow God’s instructions. Abram and his wife Sarai, were childless, and in their culture it was to Sarai’s shame that she did not bear Abram a son.”

Now God always keeps His word, even when people become restless and try to help God out. In Genesis 15:1-6, God reassures Abram and he believes God and by his faith; God accounts it for righteousness (15:6).

Even as God’s promise was made, time continued and there was no heir in Abram’s house from his barren wife. So we learn in Genesis 16 that a scheme was put in place by Sarai to help God bring the heir into their lives, which has become to this day, a means of mortal conflict. I call it the Hagar error! Yet, God’s covenant promise remained very relevant. According to Precepts for Living, “God appeared to Abram again, changed his name to Abraham (father of a multitude) and Sarai’s name (quarrelsome) to Sarah (meaning Princess), (Gen. 17:5, 15).” Let us examine the sign of the Abrahamic Covenant in this week’s lesson.

**Anticipated Power Points:**

- **God’s Covenant with Abraham Spoken. Genesis 17:1-8**
- **God’s Covenant with Abraham Signified. Genesis 17:9-14**

## LESSON OUTLINE

### **I. God's Covenant with Abraham Spoken. Genesis 17:1-8**

According to Dakes:

"A. 'I will make thee a great nation.' Gen. 12:1-3, 13-16; 17:18-20

B. 'Make thy name great.' Gen. 12:1-3

C. 'Thou shall be a blessing.' Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:13-14

D. 'I will bless them that bless thee.' Gen. 12:1-3

E. 'I will bless thee.' Gen. 13:14-18

F. 'I will curse them that curse thee.' Zech. 14; Matt. 25:31-46

G. 'In thee shall all the nations of the world be blessed.' Deut.28:8-14; Gal. 3:16."

### **II. God's Covenant with Abraham Signified. Genesis 17:9-14**

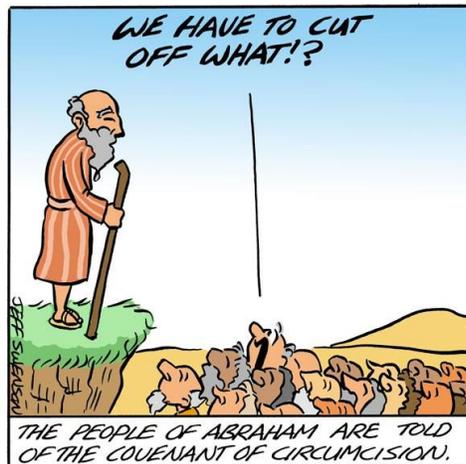
(Circumcision of the male's foreskin had a threefold sign.)

"A. It was a supporting sign. vss. 9-11

B. It was a spiritual symbol. vss. 12-13"

C. It was a sign of surrender. vs. 14

(If a parent failed to have it done, the male who comes of age should do it in obedience to God's Law willingly.)



### **CLOSING**

Circumcision was a painful experience which helped the man remember that his identity is with the Lord Jehovah and comes at the high price of suffering and death. For us, Jesus paid the high cost and whosoever believes and trusts in Him has become His true disciple. II Corinthians 5:20-21, *"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."* Above all, the life lived is for His glory and honor.

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**September 17, 2017**

**Exodus 31:12-18**

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