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Heroes of the Bible
Abram & Sarai
Part 2

Eternity Past, Age of Gentiles, Age of Israel, Hypostatic Union, Church Age, Tribulation, Millennium, Eternal future

Before you begin this Bible study, If you have never believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior, John 3:16 tells us: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life." Simply have faith that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins and you will have eternal life and be saved. If you have believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior; then 1 John 1:9 tells us; "If you confess your sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Simply privately tell God the Father your sins to be filled with God the Holy Spirit and He will teach you Bible truth. **(Rebound)**

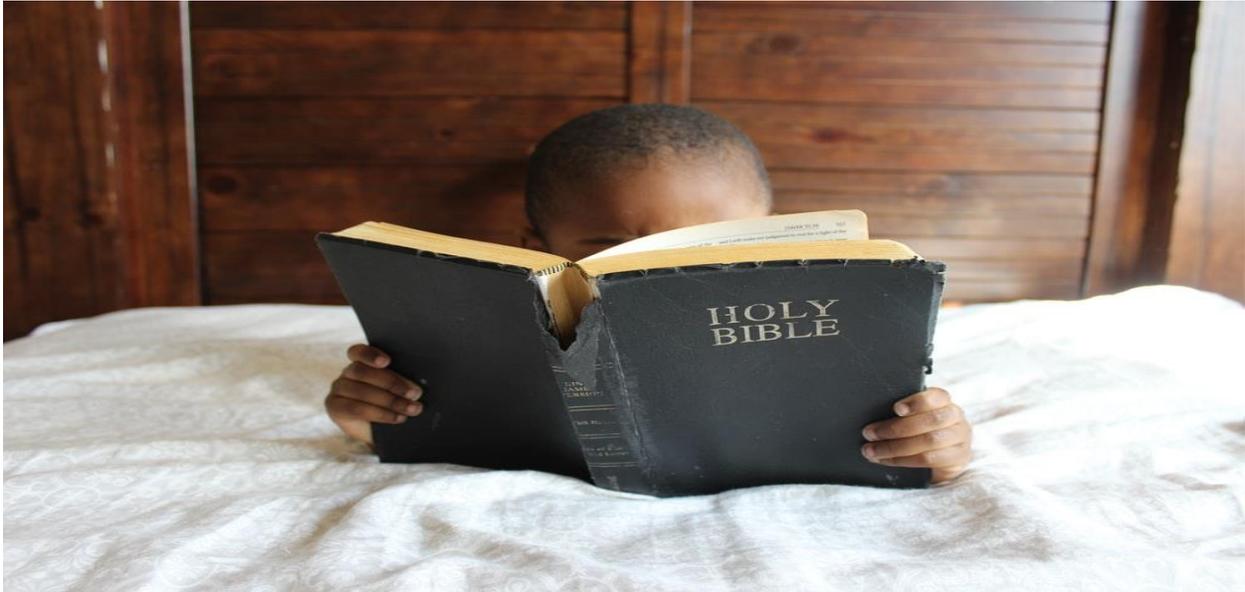
Promise Memory Verse

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

God tells you in the Bible verse above that without faith, it's impossible to please Him. He rewards you when you keep on wanting to learn all about Him. God's rewards are different than the trophy that you won by being the best soccer player on your team or the blue ribbon you won at the fair for that cute little bunny rabbit that you raised.

Instead of giving you a reward for being really good at something, God gives you rewards when you trust Him to do what He says. That is what

makes God so awesome! Did you know that God gives you over 7000 promises in the Bible? Your job is just to trust God to make them happen. (It is also fun to find them in the bible, reading God's Word)



God does punish people at times for doing bad things and other times we must live with our choices (consequences). However, God expects them to rebound (repent), and He is always looking around for those people who trust Him and love learning His Word.

Last week we talked about how Abram trusted God and believed His promises of land, blessings and that he would have a huge family at times, and at times he forgot about God's promises, just like we do.

Genesis 12:11-13:18

We left off our story last week after we saw that Abram forgot to trust God. He was so afraid that he would be killed in Egypt, that he told his wife Sarai to pretend she was his sister. The pharaoh saw how beautiful she was and took her to be his wife. I'll bet she was so scared!

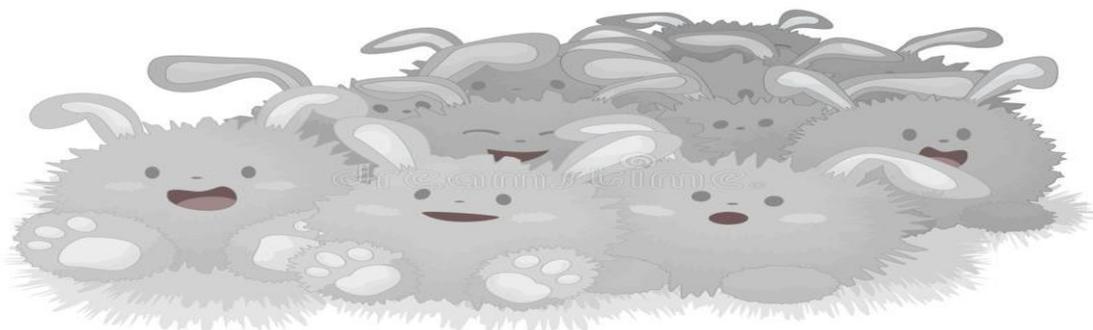
God sent plagues probably something like covid-19 to the pharaoh and his family which scared the pharaoh and he returned Sarai back to Abram. Next, Abram and his family traveled back to Canaan. There he began to trust in God and believed His promises again.

God blessed Abram and made him rich. Instead of him having debit cards or cash, he had tons of silver, gold, sheep, goats and cattle. His nephew Lot also had lots of animals and tents. Wouldn't it be funny today if you went to Walmart and tried to pay for your new toy or game, with a cute little white and brown goat instead of money?

When the people who took care of all of the animals started fighting over not having enough grass to feed them all; Abram told Lot that he didn't want any problems and that they needed to split up.

Abram gave Lot the first choice and he chose what looked like the best place possible. It was near the city of Sodom. God was pleased that Lot and Abram separated from each other. It looked like Abram was going to get stuck with the second best land, but God had a funny way of turning things around.

After Abram got back to Canaan, God told him to look around in every direction and all of this land would be the land God promised him and his entire family. He also said that Abram's family would be so large that it would be like the dust on the ground.



Can you imagine looking under your bed and seeing dust bunnies and trying to count each particle of dust? Abram trusted God, and he built an altar and worshipped Him.

One thing that Abram wanted more than anything was to have kids. God had promised him that He would give him an enormous family, but hadn't done so yet. Abram grew discouraged, so God decided to give him a bit of encouragement.

God let him know his family would be so huge that he wouldn't be able to count them all just like the stars. He also told him they would live in the land in which He promised. Abram believed God's promise to him.

God gives us promises just like he gave to Abram. Even though Abram messed up a lot, God still kept His promise to him. That is how God is with us too. He always keeps His promises even if we don't always do what God says. Next week, we will learn more about Abram. Will he trust God, or will he forget?

