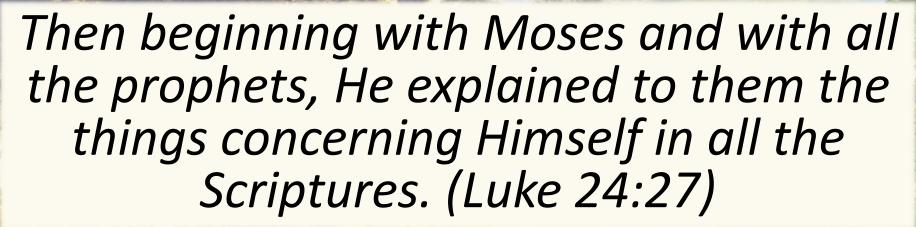
### Agree or Disagree?

- 1. Abraham was a model believer.
- 2. Abraham never lied.
- 3. Abraham was always selfless.
- 4. Abraham obeyed God perfectly.
- 5. Abraham was a friend of God.







- God picked Abram out of all (12:1)
  - -Called him to leave what he knew and follow to what he didn't know
  - -Promised to bless him
- "So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him" (12:4; Heb. 11:8)

- God's promise to Abram (12:2-3)
  - -"And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."
    - Abram 3x (12:3; 18:18; 22:18)
    - Isaac 1x (26:4)
    - Jacob 1 x (28:14)

- See Gal. 3:6-14
  - -The gospel
  - -Faith -> sons of Abraham
  - -Justification -> declared righteous
    - Jesus' death brings the blessing of Abraham to Gentiles (13-14)

# The Bible Knowledge Comm.

"It should not be overlooked that Paul referred to Scripture as though God were speaking, so it can be rightly affirmed that what the Bible says, God says.

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"This and similar verses (e.g., John 10:35b; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21) provide important support for believing in the absolute and total inspiration and authority of Scripture."

- See Gal. 3:15-18
  - -"the promises were spoken to Abraham <u>and</u> to his seed" i.e. Christ (16; cf. Gen. 22:18)
    - Cf. Acts 3:25-26; 13:32-33

- Seed of Eve (Gen. 3:15)
  - -Through Seth (Genesis 5)
- Dwell with Shem (Gen. 9:26-27)
- Seed of Abraham (Gen. 12:2-3)
  - -Through Isaac (Gen. 17:19, 21)

- God promised Abraham would have a son with Sarah (Gen. 15:4; 17:19)
  - God would establish His everlasting covenant with Isaac, not Ishmael
  - -Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old (Gen. 21:5)

- Many years later, God tested
   Abraham's faith by commanding him
   to sacrifice Isaac (Gen. 22:1-2)
  - -"your son, your only son, whom you <u>love</u>, Isaac"
    - "only begotten son" (Heb. 11:17)

## Henry M. Morris

 "The deep love of a father for his only son (yet a father who is willing to slay him) is thus inferred to be representative of the most complete and meaningful concept of the very word 'love' itself."

- "go to the land of Moriah" -> "on one of the mountains of which I will tell you"
  - —Why did God have him travel two+ days from Beersheba to Moriah?

 "Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite." (2 Chron. 3:1; cf. 1 Chron. 21:18-27)

- "Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son" (6a)
  - –"They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross" (John 19:17a)

- Uhh, dad, "where is the lamb"?? (7)
  - -"God will provide for Himself the lamb" (8)
  - -"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29b)

- Abraham "bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar" (9)
  - -No resistance; he trusted his father
  - -"Like a lamb that is led to slaughter..." (Isa. 53:7; cf. 1 Pet. 2:21-25)

- "behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns" (13)
  - -"in the place of his son" -> God provided a substitute (cf. 8)
  - -"He was pierced through for our transgressions" (Isa. 53:5a)

- "I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you" (5)
  - -"He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead" (Heb. 11:19)
  - -> Hope / faith (Rom. 4:16-25)

### So What?

- Abraham was a work in progress
  - —He learned to love God with more and more of his heart
  - —Are there things or people you love more than you love God?

### So What?

 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow..." (Matt. 10:37-38)

#### So What?

- We need to take God at His word and act on it (James 2:21-24)
  - -"now I know that you fear God"(Gen. 22:12) [40-50 yrs after 12:1]
  - -"because you have obeyed My voice" (22:18; cf. 3:17)