

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.

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)



A classical painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man on the left, wearing a red cloak over a dark tunic, holds a staff and looks towards the other two. The man in the center, with long hair and a beard, wears a light-colored robe and points his right hand towards the sky. The man on the right, also with a beard and wearing a brown and red robe, looks on. They are standing on a dirt path that leads into a dense forest of large, leafy trees. In the background, a small town or village is visible through the trees. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

A Preview of the Future

Genesis 12-25

The Promise

- 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)

The Promise

- 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)

The Promise

- 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.”

The Promise

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

The Promise

- 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)

The Preview

- 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)

The Preview

- 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 love, Isaac”
 - “only begotten son” (Heb. 11:17)

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- “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.”

The Preview

- “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?

The Preview

- “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)

The Preview

- “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)

The Preview

- 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)

The Preview

- 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)

The Preview

- “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)

The Preview

- “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)