



GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

GENESIS 12:1-9; 15:1-6; 17:1-7

One day God spoke to Abraham. "Abraham, leave this land. Leave your father's house. Go to a new homeland. I will show you how to get there."

Abraham listened to God. Then God told Abraham that He would bless him. God would make Abraham's name great. God said He would bless the people who were kind to Abraham, and He would punish people who were unkind and did harmful things to Abraham and his family. "All the people on earth will be blessed because of you, Abraham," God said.

So Abraham obeyed God. Abraham packed up all his things. He loaded the wagons and donkeys. Abraham's family packed all their clothes. They traveled until they got to the place where God wanted them to live, a new land called Canaan. When Abraham reached Canaan, he stopped and looked around.

God said, "Abraham, I will give this land to your children."

God told Abraham to look up at the sky and count the stars (as if he could). God told Abraham his family would have children and more children until there were more people in Abraham's family than stars in the sky.

Abraham believed what God said. He knew God had a plan for him.

God was pleased that Abraham believed these things would happen. God said, "I will always keep my promise to you, Abraham. You and your wife Sarah will have a son. Many more children will be born in your family. I will bless you and your family forever."