

Genesis 12, 15, 17, 18,  
21, 22 & Romans 4

*God chooses Abraham and makes a God-promise to him that he will have many descendants, and one of these descendants will be a blessing to all the nations. Isaac & Jacob carry on the promise.*



GOD: He tests our faith to see if He is our first; He also provides for the sacrifice and gives righteousness.

HUMANS: We see a trust-relationship between humans and God, based not on behavior, but on belief and trust.

**Remember:** The DOUBLE PROMISE = to bless Abraham AND to make Abraham a blessing.

What God required, God provided.

**God didn't just promise to GIVE Abraham a reward, He promised to BE his reward.**

## MY NOTES:

### The Calling of Abram

- \*God INITIATED a RELATIONSHIP so that He could give people correct information about Himself.
- \*God makes PROMISES and keeps them.
- \*God overcomes ALL OBSTACLES that seem to get in the way of His promises.

## THE NAME CHANGE:

Ancient civilizations believed a person's name was tied up with his or her destiny. When God changed Abram's name to Abraham, it was God saying, "I am in COMPLETE CONTROL of your destiny." (Abraham = "*Father of a Multitude*")

## Abraham & Isaac

- \*Man's attempt to bring about God's plan NEVER WORKS.  
(See Sarai's proposed plan to Abram & Abram's proposed plan to God – NEITHER move along the Promise.)
- \*God TESTED Abraham to see if He truly was first in his life.
- \*Abraham BELIEVED God. Abraham knew God's PROMISE was on the line.
- \*The Ram was a picture of God's provision for what He REQUIRED.
- \* FAITH is central because the Promise is central.