

When Abram was Ninety-Nine, the LORD Appeared to Him

Gn 17¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ² And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: ⁴ "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ⁸ Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." ...¹⁵ Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her." ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!" ¹⁹ Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. ²⁰ And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹ But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year." ²² Then He finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

* **Since the end** of ch16, _____ years have gone by.

* **Abram & Sarai** have largely accepted that the way things _____ is the way they are going to _____.

* **When** the LORD appears, how is it different from ch16?

* **The Lord** instantly puts everything in _____.

* **The 1st thing** God says is "I am _____ God."

* **The 2nd thing** is "walk before Me & be _____."

Gn 6⁹ Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

James 1⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Phil 3¹² Not that I have ... already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude

Eph 2⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ... ⁵ ¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love ... ⁸ ... Walk as children of light ... ¹⁵ ... walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise ...

* **How do** the Gn15 & Gn17 covenants relate to one another?

* **The Gn15 cov.** focuses on the person & work of _____.

Hb 9¹⁵ [Christ] is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death ... ¹⁶ For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. ¹⁷ For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

Gn 15⁶ And [Abram] believed in the LORD; and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

1Cor 3¹¹ No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

* **The Gn17 covenant** builds on top of that foundation. It's focus is walking with God in _____ of that salvation, becoming more and more like God as we do so.

* **Once the Gn17 covenant** is built on top of the Gn15 covenant, they become _____ house whose builder is God. But if we forget which is which and try to make the framing the foundation, the whole house will _____. This was the error of the religious leaders at the time of _____.

* **When God reiterates** the promises, he makes them more glorious, while using language that _____ Gn 1.28 & 9.1.

Gn 1²⁸ Then God blessed [Adam & Eve], and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it"

Gn 9¹ So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."

Gn 17² "I ... will multiply you exceedingly ...⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful"

* **God changed Abram & Sarai's names** to Abraham & Sarah so that their very _____ guaranteed the fulfillment of the promises (5, 15).

* **The promises are** ultimately fulfilled through _____, but God also provides preliminary, historical fulfillments.

Ga 3⁶ Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁷ Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." ⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham ... ²⁹ [I]f you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Rm 4¹³ [T]he promise that [Abraham] would be the heir of the world [kosmos] was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Ps 2⁷ "The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.'"

Mt 28¹⁸ "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Josh 5¹³ [W]hen Joshua was by Jericho, ... he lifted his eyes ... and behold, a Man stood ... with His sword drawn in His hand ... ¹⁴ So He said, "[A]s Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped

Rv 19¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.

* **God was adamant** that _____ would be the promised son with whom his covenant would be established, and that _____ would bear him (19, 21). Why?

Ga 3¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.