Abraham SLIDES

Genesis 17

Abram Meets God Almighty

***13 years***

* Ishmael is 13 years old
* Abram is 99
* Sarai is 89

23 years

**1 - God is God Almighty**

*Genesis 17:1-3*

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,****2****that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”****3****Then Abram fell on his face.*

**God Almighty**

* El Shaddai
* All-Sufficient One
* All-powerful and All-benevolent

***Shaddai = Shad***

* Life flowed from the mother into the infant
* Abram’s body was as good as dead and Sarai’s womb was dead

With ***God Almighty***, the ***All-powerful and All-benevolent***, there is ***always hope for life.***

***LORD***

* Genesis 12 – 17
* *Yahweh*
* God’s proper name

***LORD, God Most High***

* Genesis 14:19-22
* *Jehovah, El Elyon*
* God is the sovereign ruler of all the universe

***Lord GOD***

* Genesis 15:2
* *Adonai, Lord*
* Your Lord and Master

***Powerful*** enough to override their nearly dead bodies and ***Benevolent*** enough to forgive their mistakes

**2 - God reaffirms His covenant**

*Genesis 17:3b-8*

*And God said to him,****4****“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.****5****No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.****6****I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.****7****And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.****8****And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”*

*Genesis 17:15-22*

***15****And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.****16****I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”****17****Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”****18****And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!”****19****God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.****20****As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.* ***21****But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”*

***God always keeps His promises***

**3 - God puts part of Himself into Abram and Sarai**

*Genesis 17:5*

***5****No longer shall your name be called Abram,but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.*

*Genesis 17:15*

***15****And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarahshall be her name.”*

***He***

* Yahweh
* Abraham
* Sarah

God is ***Yahweh***

God is ***God Most High***, the ***sovereign*** over the universe

God is ***Lord, God*** - their ***Lord and Master***

God is ***Almighty God*** – the ***All-powerful and All-benevolent***

**4 - God asks for Total Surrender**

*Genesis 17:9-10, 14*

***9****And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.****10****This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.*

***14****Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”*

“my covenant” 9 times

Total Surrender of his heart

**5 - Abraham gives his Total Surrender**

*Genesis 17:22-25*

***22****When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.****23****Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him.****24****Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.****25****And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.*

*Many in our culture approach Christianity as if they were interviewing God for a job. They think that they are considering an application by God for the vacant position of “personal deity in my life.” If God measures up to their standards … then they may choose to let him into their hearts. That is the antithesis of biblical Christianity. Biblical Christianity is absolutely not about finding a religious philosophy that works for you. The God who created the universe chooses and calls those who will be his people, and he only offers you two choices: surrender totally on his terms or face the consequences.*

* *We’ve all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*
* *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Big Idea**: ***God Almighty can give new life to something dead***

*Ephesians 2:1, 4-5*

*1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins …* ***4****ButGod, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,****5****even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—*