

STUDY FIFTEEN

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

Genesis 17

Introduction

After the incident of the last chapter God chose to keep Abram and Sarai waiting another thirteen years. Then He revealed himself to him again. God again confirms the covenant he has made with Abram and changes Abram and Sarai's names.

Questions For Discussion

1.a) How old was Abram at this point in the story?

b) How old was Sarai?

2.a) What was Abram's name changed to?

b) What does it mean (v.5)?

3.a) What was Sarai's name changed to (v.15)?

b) What was the emphasis of the new name (v.16)?

c) Can you think of anyone else in the Bible whose name was changed by God?

d) Is it necessary for followers of Jesus to change their names?

4.a) What was God's part of the covenant (vv.1-8)?

b) What was Abraham's part (vv.1 & 9-14)?

5.a) What was the sign of the covenant?

b) Why don't believers today undergo circumcision? (Note: the covenant God has made with us is a different covenant.)

c) What is the sign God has given us that shows we are included in the new covenant?
(See Col. 2:11-12)

6.a) What was Abraham's response to God (vv.3 & 17)?

b) Why did he laugh?

c) What does Abraham's falling face down teach us about our attitude in prayer and listening to God's word?

7. Why did God leave it so long before giving Abraham a son? (See Mk. 10:26-27 & Lk. 1:37. Note: God wanted Abraham and us to realise that His great plan of salvation could only be carried out by a miracle. No ordinary act of man could bring such a blessing to the world.)

8. What did Abraham have to do to express his faith in God's promise?

For Further Thought And Action

Meditate on God's miraculous gift of his son Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse

For nothing is impossible with God.

Luke 1:37