

SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- 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 17:5)
- 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. (Genesis 17:7)
- There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs to promise. (Galatians 3:28-29)

READ VERSES 1-8 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. God appears to Abram and commands him to walk blamelessly before Him. Why does our way of living concern God? Are we ever able to live a completely blameless life that God demands of us?
2. In establishing His covenant with Abram, God gives him a new name. What is the significance of this act?

READ VERSES 9-14 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

3. God orders Abraham to be circumcised as a sign (or a reminder) of their covenant. In the first century, the Apostle Paul debated against some people who claimed that circumcision was necessary for salvation. Why is salvation not dependent upon circumcision? What are some modern equivalents of the circumcision issue?

READ VERSES 15-21 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

4. Though Abraham already had a son through Hagar, God specifically says that Sarai (now Sarah) will bear him a son. God promises to bless Ishmael but to establish His eternal covenant with Isaac. What does this say about God's sovereignty and the plans of men

READ VERSES 22-27 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

5. "That very day Abraham" and all the men of his house were circumcised. In doing this, Abraham obeyed the LORD. What are some forms of obedience that Jesus asks of us today?

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Consider God's command for Abraham to walk blamelessly before Him and your own obedience to the LORD's commands. Repent of any sin, and ask for grace to walk faithfully and obediently with Christ.
- Pray in thanks to God for His loving covenant with you through Christ.