



## Promises Fulfilled

May 15

**INTRODUCTION:** God had promised a lot to Abraham. We see God graciously fulfil some of these and accomplish His plans, in spite of Abraham's faithlessness—how humbling! After many disappointments the long-awaited son arrives.

**REVIEW:** The Bible Project, [Genesis](#) (be cautious with other videos)

**KEY POINT:** promises, protection, hearing, worship

**A.M. SERMON RECAP** (Gen 19:23–38, Sodom & Lot)

- What is God's wrath and why/how was Sodom justly destroyed?
- How is Sodom a warning (2 Pe 2:6)? Where did we see grace?
- Review the positive and negative elements of Lot's life.
- How did his sins lead to more sin? Thinking of his descendants, how can the cycle of sin and judgement be broken?

**P.M. SERMON RECAP** (Gen 20, Abraham and Abimelech)

- How do we answer the objection that Christians aren't perfect, so I won't believe in Christ/join His Church?
- ? What 2 commandments did Abraham (and Sarah) again commit/risk? How do we deal with habitual sin?
- What irony exists between Abimelech and Abraham?
- Why did God judge Abimelech? Despite his imperfections, what attitude did Abimelech need to have toward Abraham's God in order to be blessed? How is this true today?

**READ:** Genesis 21

**QUESTIONS:**

*The Birth of Isaac*

1. **Vv. 1–7- In these verses, how do we see: 1) God's activity, 2) God's promise, 3) God's timing, 4) the miraculous, 5) Abraham's twofold obedience, and 6) great joy?**

2. **How can we find these same things in the birth of the final child of promise, Jesus Christ?**

*Hagar and Ishmael Depart*

3. **v. 8- How old do you think Isaac would have been? Why the great need to celebrate?**
4. What can often happen in a family amongst siblings when a new baby is born?
5. **What did Sarah catch Ishmael, now a teenager, doing? Why did she have reason to be concerned? (think Promise, c.f. Gal 4:29)**
6. *Like before, Sarah asks Abraham to send her out.* What things are different this time?
7. How do you think Abraham felt to lose his son?
8. Did Abraham overly provide for his family?
9. **V. 15- How would you describe Hagar?**
10. **Interestingly, God didn't hear Hagar but Ishmael (which means 'God hears'). Why do you think?**
11. **What does the LORD promise to outcasts who turn to Him? (Ps 145:18–20; Lk 14:13)**
12. **What two encouragements did the LORD give?**

*The Well of Beersheba*

13. *Abimelech, the man who almost took Sarah as wife, the man whom Abraham feared, now ironically recognizes a number of covenant blessings about Abraham (c.f. Gen 12). What are they. How was God blessing Abraham beyond the promised son?*
14. *Abraham then made Abimelech aware of a dispute over a well. Wells were needed for flocks. They made a covenant, witnessed by the gift of sheep, that this well belonged to Abraham. According to God's promises, what significance was the ownership of a well?*
15. **V. 33- Apart from shade, why do you think Abraham planted a tree on this occasion?**
16. **"To call upon the Lord"= to worship. Read Ps 90:6.** As an everlasting covenant why did Abraham worship the everlasting God?

**NEXT WEEK:** May 22- Genesis 24, Isaac and Rebekah