

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Chapter 6, Verses 13-20 "This Changes Everything"

It has been said that *"The only person that likes change is a wet baby..."* (Mark Twain)

2,000 years ago a change came to planet earth.

Up to that point, if a person wanted to know God, they went to the priest at the temple in Israel, along with a sacrifice for their sins, and the priest brought the person close to God.

Then Jesus came and upset the whole way that business with God had been done.

The Jews had taken the 10 simple laws of God and expounded on them until their were over 600 laws called the **"Torah"**.

Jesus came and simplified the entire requirement of God into two laws.

1. *"Love the Lord with all your Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength."*
2. *"Love everyone else like you love yourself."*

Up to the time that Jesus came, men were focusing on trying to keep the law to be righteous before God.

When Jesus came, He revealed that it was not by the keeping of the law that we are justified before God, it was though **FAITH.**

- ☞ **Now you can say** that *"You have Faith"*. Take your pick it can be faith in a person, you can put your faith in lots of things today.
- ☞ **But the real question is**, *"Can the object of your faith forgive your sins and make you righteous before God and acceptable to Him?"*

So, we have learn in our study of the book of Hebrews so far:

Chapter 1: The Old Testament Prophets, and the Angels in Heaven are awesome indeed, but they cannot save you.

Chapter 2: We should give heed to What Jesus said, because only through Him can any person be forgiven and made Righteous in Gods sight.

Chapter 3: Moses is worthy of looking at and of Glory for he was an awesome example of the humble servant of the Lord. Never the Less, **Moses cannot save anyone, because Moses Brought the Law, but Grace and Truth Came through only Jesus.**

Chapter 4: Joshua was a Tremendous Military leader of the people, but he could not bring the people into a place of rest.

Chapter 5: We learned that even the High Priests of Israel cannot really give us righteousness themselves, because they are just like us, susceptible to sin.

- ☞ **Instead Jesus has become our High Priest forever**, not according to the Old Testament High Priests that came from the tribe of Levi, but from an strange and unexpected place, this interesting character “**Melchizedek**”.

Chapter 6, last Sunday, The Lord wanting to get us beyond the “**Elementary Principles**”, the **basics**, to move on and understand the depth of Who Jesus Is, And What He Really Has Done For Us.

This Morning, The Lord wants to show us that WHEN JESUS CAME, IT CHANGED EVERYTHING FOR US.

- ☞ **Our acceptance before God**, does not come by anything that we can do or perform.
- ☞ **There is no righteous act you can do**, no lifetime of living good and honest that will make us acceptable to God.
- ☞ **There is no Old Testament Animal Sacrifice** that can Remove our stain of Sin from our record.
- ☞ **Our Acceptance to God** only comes through a SIMPLE ACCEPTANCE AND AGREEMENT THAT JESUS DEATH ON THE CROSS PAID FOR ALL OF OUR SINS.

We have learn so far in Hebrews, that in reality, God has not really changed the way that any person is saved since He first made Man.

- ☞ **Here in chapter 6 of Hebrews**, The Holy Spirit reveals that even Abraham, the Father of all who have faith, was saved in exactly the same way you are saved today.
- ☞ **BY BELIEVING WHAT THE LORD SAID:**
- ☞ **That Jesus is the ONE Sacrifice** that did not just COVER UP sins as in the Old Testament, but instead, COMPLETELY REMOVES EVERY TRACE OF SIN, as if you had never ever sinned in all of time and eternity.

“This Changes Everything!”

We pick our study back up this morning, where we finished last Sunday: In the 6th Chapter of Hebrews

Hebrews 6

13 For **when God made a promise to Abraham**, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

14 saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.”

15 And so, **after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.**

16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, **confirmed it by an oath**,

18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

God made a promise to Abraham that effects you and your eternal life, did you know that?

- ☞ **When God wants to “Swear”**, or Promise to do something, how does He Prove that He will really do it?
- ☞ **Well, here in verse 13**, “*He cannot swear by anyone greater, so God swears by His Self, “I will do it”*”.
- ☞ **“Abraham, I will Bless You...”**

How many of you would like to hear the Lord say to you this morning: **Erick and Susan**, I will Bless You....**Sondie**, I will Bless You, **Robert**, I will Bless you!”

Then verse 15 says that “Abraham had to **patiently endure, then he obtained the promise”.**

- ☞ **How many want to “Patiently Endure”**, so that you can obtain Gods promise to BLESS YOU?
- ☞ **Patience and Endurance** is not one of our best qualities is it?
- ☞ **We are the** “EXPRESS LINE, FAST FOOD, BUY IT NOW, PAY LATER GENERATION aren’t we?”
- ☞ **We don’t do “Patience and Endurance”** very well!

The reality is, God wants to bless your life, did you know that?

- ☞ **If you have taken the ONE STEP** that God requires of you, that is you have come to Jesus, heard what He did on the Cross for your sins, that Jesus paid for all of them, and you have asked Him for forgiveness for your sins and asked Him to save you, THEN YOU HAVE DONE ALL THAT GOD REQUIRES OF YOU TO BE ACCEPTABLE, YOU ARE GOING TO HEAVEN...

But... the process of being Blessed By God means that He is going to have to deal with your Old nature that still wants to control you.

- ☞ **To bring the Flesh**, the “**Old Man, or Old Nature** under the control of the New Spiritual Nature you have since Jesus came to live inside you, IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE TRIALS.
- ☞ **NO! Lord** we don’t want trials, we want the blessing!
- ☞ **Sorry Gang**, the only way to put down the Old Nature and Build up the new Nature is Through Trials that drive you to THE WORD OF GOD, make you WANT

FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS, causes you to PRAY AND POUR OUT YOUR HEART TO THE LORD.

Hebrews 6

19 **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul**, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus has completed a Single Sacrifice for us, that forever settles the issue of our sin.

- ☞ **Jesus became not only your Savior** when you believed in Him and accepted His sacrifice for your sins, Jesus also became your “*High Priest Forever*”.
- ☞ **Jesus is there before the Father** continuously praying and interceding for you!

But notice, THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE!

Verse 20: ...Jesus, having become High Priest forever **according to the order of Melchizedek**

Hey, wait a minute!, I though that all High Priests had to come from the Tribe of Levi.

- ☞ **How can Jesus be our High Priest** if He came from the Tribe of Judah?
- ☞ **What does this guy “Melchizedek”** have to do with anything?

This is the area that the Holy Spirit is going to teach us about in chapter 7, How Jesus being a High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR US!

In anything where we are going to try understand what is going on, we need to get some “BACK GROUND” on the story, before we can understand what is being said.

The Story of Why Melchizedek is important to our ETERNAL LIFE **begins with the story of Abraham** in the Book of Genesis:

God made Abraham a promise to make from his descendents, a great nation from which all of the other nations of the world would be blessed.

- ☞ **God’s promise to Abraham was incredible** when you consider that Abraham was already close to 100 years old, his wife Sarah was close to 90 years old.
- ☞ **The Lord waited** until it was **humanly impossible** for Abraham to do anything himself to fulfill the promise.
- ☞ **The Lord will wait in your life to help you** many times, until it appears that it is humanly impossible for anything to be done.

The Lord always works in the realm of the impossible, so when things seem the most impossible, when things seem like they can never get any better, when it seems like you have messed things up so bad no one can fix it...

THIS IS EXACTLY THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD WORKS, IN THE IMPOSSIBLE!

Genesis 12 THE PROMISE

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

2 **I will make you a great nation; I will bless you** And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

3 **I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you;** And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (*Through Jesus*)

4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And **Abram was seventy-five years** old when he departed from Haran.

You will notice that at this point he is not called "Abraham", he is called "Abram".

- ☞ **It won't be until chapter 17** verse 5 of Genesis that he becomes "*Abraham*".
- ☞ **The "H"** that is added to **Abrams name**, in the Hebrew is the "**Ha**" sound, it is the sound that is made when "**The Breath of God, or His Spirit is Breathed into something**".
- ☞ **Essentially, by the addition of the "Ha"**, here making Abram, Abraham, it means that from this point on, **THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN BREATHED INTO ABRAHAM.**

THE TRIALS

Genesis 12

10 Now **there was a famine in the land,** and **Abram went down to Egypt** to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that **he said to Sarai his wife,** "**Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance.**

12 Therefore it will happen, **when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, "This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.**

13 **Please say you are my sister,** that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."

Wait a minute, This is the Guy that is called in the Bible "The Father of All Who Have Faith?"

- ☞ **Abraham is** a Liar and a deceiver.
- ☞ **Yes, this is true,** sort of gives you hope doesn't it, that maybe we can also become people of great faith.
- ☞ **This is not the entire story,** lets continue to follow...

We move now to Genesis chapter 14

Genesis 14

5 In the fourteenth year **Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him** came and attacked

8 And **the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah**, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim

11 Then **they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah**, and all their provisions, and went their way.

12 **They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom**, and his goods, and departed.

14 Now **when Abram heard** that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants....

15 ... and **he and his servants attacked them** and pursued them

16 So **he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot** and his goods...

Let's get this straight. Abraham, takes 318 of his own servants and goes out and defeats 4 Kings from 4 mighty nations and gets back all of the things that were taken, including his nephew Lot?

- ☞ **OK, I get it**, Abraham is a sinner who struggles with lying and being honest, but he continues on with the Lord and tries, and he is Apparently Growing in his faith and trust of the Lord!

Genesis 14 AFTER THE BATTLE IS OVER...we are introduced to “Melchizedek”

17 And **the king of Sodom went out to meet Abram** at the Valley of Shaveh...

18 Then **Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine**; he was the priest of God Most High.

19 And Melchizedek blessed Abram and said:

“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And **Abram gave him a tithe of all**.

Who do we give “Tithes and Offerings” to? THE LORD.

- ☞ **Tithes and offerings** are only given to the Lord.
- ☞ **Melchizedek** is Blessing Abram here.
- ☞ **Blessing comes** from the Lord.
- ☞ **Only God has the ability to Bless**, because He is Greater than we.
- ☞ **The Greater always blesses the Lesser**.

GODS PROMISE IS EXPLAINED TO ABRAM

Genesis 15

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

2 But Abram said, “Lord GOD, **what will You give me, seeing I go childless**, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

Abram says to the Lord: “*Hey Lord it is great that You promised to Bless me and make me the Father of a Great Nation, but how exactly is this supposed to happen since Sarai and I my wife cannot even have a child and we are almost 100 years Old!*”

- ⊕ **Now**, that is a very good question wouldn't you say so?
- ⊕ **Abram is just asking a real and practical Question:** “*Lord how are you going to do this?*”

3 Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!”

4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, **but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.**”

Ok Lord, now this is getting really interesting because, THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

- ⊕ **And besides Lord**, I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO BE A FATHER AT 100 YEARS OLD!
- ⊕ **Sarah His wife jumps in:** “LORD HAVE A BABY AT 90 YEARS OLD, OH LORD!”

5 Then The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “**So shall your descendants be.**”

6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Now, there is allot more going on here than we can see from just these 2 verses, but essentially:

- ⊕ **The entire basis for you being saved this morning by Faith**, was began right here.
- ⊕ **Abraham looks at the impossibility of his situation:** “*I am 100 years old, my wife is 90 years old, and you Lord said that you would make an entire nation from us?*”
- ⊕ **Now you are saying**, “*Look at the stars in the night sky, can you count them?, this is how many descendents you will have, TOO MANY TO COUNT!*”

Now in the Hebrew Language, there is also an indication here that the Lord is making reference to the Stars “**Telling a Story**”.

- ⊕ **In the 12 Constellations**, the Bible calls them “*The Mazzaroth*”. (Job 38:32)
- ⊕ **The Bible says** that The Lord named each one of these Stars. (Psalm 147:4)
- ⊕ **Each of these names** has a meaning behind them.
- ⊕ **The Psalmist** said that : “*The Heavens Declare the Glory of God.*” Psalm 19:1)
- ⊕ **The Lord said** that “*He created the Stars for Signs.*” (Genesis 1:14)

Satan took the 12 constellations and perverted them into “Astrology”.

☞ **Before satan corrupted the story of the stars**, the Lord said in the bible that “*The stars are telling a Story.*”

1. **Virgo** the Virgin: A virgin shall conceive a son.
2. **Libra** the Scales: Man has been weighed in the balances and found wanting.
3. **Scorpio** The serpent seeking to wound but trodden under foot: Satan has bound men by sin and death, but one coming who destroys him.
4. **Sagittarius** the One with two natures as a conqueror going forth to conquer.
5. **Capricorn** The Lamb slain for the redeemed.
6. **Aquarius** The water bearer bringing forth the living water.
7. **Pisces** The Fish, Those who are redeemed but are bound.
8. **Aries** The Lamb that was slain prepared for the victory.
9. **Taurus** The bull, The messiah coming to Rule.
10. **Gemini** The Twins, The two natures of the King.
11. **Cancer** The possession of the sheepfold held fast
12. **Leo** The Lion of The tribe of Judah conquers the serpent.

It is believed that in addition to the Lord telling Abram that his descendents would be like the stars in the sky, “too Many to Number”, The Lord was also asking Abram to tell the Lord the story that the stars in the 12 Constellations of the Mazzaroth He created what is the story they are telling?

Genesis 15:6

6 And Abram **believed in the LORD**, and **He accounted it to him for righteousness.**

Whatever it is that the Lord told Abram.

1. **It was necessary** for salvation.
2. **Abram** understood this.
3. **Abram believed** it.
4. **The Lord saved** Abram based on this.
5. **In the New Testament** we are told we are saved in the same way Abram was Saved.
6. **How are we saved?:** By Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross.
7. **How was Abram then Saved?:** By believing in Jesus sacrifice on the Cross.

John 8:56-58

56 Your father **Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it** and was glad.”

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “**You are not yet fifty years old**, and have You seen Abraham?”

58 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I AM.**”

A GREAT MAN OF FAITH HAS ANOTHER LAPSE IN FAITH

Genesis 16

1 (TEN YEARS LATER, TEN YEARS WAITING FOR GOD TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE) Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, **had borne him no children.** And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, “**See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children.** Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.” And **Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.**

3 Then Sarai, **Abram’s wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife,** after **Abram had dwelt ten years** in the land of Canaan

This makes Abram 85 years old.

- ☞ **They had waited 10 years** for Gods promise.
- ☞ **“Lets Help God out”**, maybe we are supposed to do something.
- ☞ **It was culturally** acceptable.
- ☞ **Like Adam**, Abraham heeded the voice of his wife...

THE RESULTS OF TAKING HAGAR, HAVING A CHILD BY HER...

Genesis 16

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, “My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and **when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes.**

Hagar now has Abrams son, so she begins to despise Sarah, provoke her...

6 So Abram said to Sarai, “Indeed your maid is in your hand; **do to her as you please.**” And when **Sarai dealt harshly with her, Hagar fled from her presence.**

7 Now **the Angel of the LORD found her** by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

11 And the Angel of the LORD said to her:

“Behold, you are with child,
And you shall bear a son.

You shall call his name Ishmael,

Because the LORD has heard your affliction.

12 He shall be **a wild man;**

His hand shall be **against every man,**

And **every man’s hand against him.**

And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”

Ishmael is the father of the people that have been and still are in direct conflict with Israel every since the beginning...DID THE LORD FULFILL THIS PROPHECY ABOUT ISHMAEL?

16 **Abram was eighty-six years** old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

It has now been 11 years since the Lord first told Abram and Sarai they would be parents of a son who would be the founder of a Great Nation...

Genesis 17

1 **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.

It has now been 24 years since the promise first was given to Abram for a son to be the foundation for a great nation.

- ☞ **It has been 13 years** since Hagar was taken by Abram and the son Ishmael was born.
- ☞ **Ishmael** is 13 years old.

Now, after 24 years, after lapses in Abrams faith, no doubt Abram is beginning to really doubt if the Lord was going to really keep his promise.

- ☞ **Abram has been through the trial** of having to wait 24 years.
- ☞ **He has been through** all of the times of doubting if the Lord would help Him.
- ☞ **Abram has suffered the lack of faith** in believing he needed to help the Lord by doing something about his problem of not having a son himself by taking Hagar to have a son.

Now, the Lord having put Abram through the furnace of Trials, is about to bless him and fulfill His promise that he made 24 years ago

Genesis 17

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.

- ☞ **Abram** means: “High Father”.
- ☞ **Abraham** means: “Father of a Multitude”.

What is added?: the “H” or the “Ha”, the sound of Breath, in Hebrew, which is “The Breath of God”.

Genesis 17

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.

9 And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

10 This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: **Every male child among you shall be circumcised;**

The nation of Israel, at the time when Jesus came to earth, regarded this sign of circumcision as the sign of salvation of acceptance by the Lord.

- ⊕ **Paul spends chapters 3 and 4 of Romans** making the point that this right of Circumcision was not what made a person Righteous and Acceptable before God.
- ⊕ **What chapter of Genesis** was Abraham told by the Lord that he Was “*Righteous*”?
- ⊕ **Chapter 15.**
- ⊕ What was Abrahams Righteousness based on?
- ⊕ “Abraham Believed God...”
- ⊕ **What chapter was the physical work of circumcision** done by Abraham?
- ⊕ **Chapter 17**
- ⊕ **Circumcision is a physical work** and yet it is not what makes us Acceptable to God.
- ⊕ **What makes us acceptable this morning** is not whether or not you keep the law of you have broken the law.
- ⊕ **What makes you righteous** is the same thing that made Abraham Righteous in Genesis chapter 15: “*Believe what God has Said*”.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 John 5:12

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Genesis 17

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!”**

Abraham is saying “*Lord yes, fulfill your promises to me to make me a great nation through Ishmael, my son*”.

- ⊕ **What was Ishmael** the results of?
- ⊕ **Abrahams attempts** to fulfill Gods promises to him, Abrahams Way!
- ⊕ The Lord never accepts any attempts we have to please Him, based on our own efforts.

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.**

“No Abraham, I will not accept your son Ishmael as the one I will fulfill my promises to make you a great nation through.”

- ☞ **Here we see all along** that the Lord planned 24 years earlier to give Abraham and Sarah a son called “Isaac”.
- ☞ **The shocking fact is**, the lord waited until Abraham was 99 years old, and Sarah was almost 90 years old.

The Lord will wait in your life until you have exhausted all of your own attempts.

- ☞ **The Lord waits** until you stop trying.
- ☞ The Lord waits until you have reached the place where you know you cannot do it yourself.
- ☞ **The Lord waits until you understand** that if this is going to happen, only the Lord could possibly do it.

In the realm of our Salvation and us gaining heaven for ourselves.

- ☞ **The Lord waits** until we understand that we can never be “**Good Enough**” or do enough “**Good Works**” to be acceptable for Heaven.
- ☞ **Then when we are at the end of our trying**, He does it all for us, and Gives us Heaven and the Forgiveness of our Sins, By HIS GRACE...free of charge, just because we believed 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.”

12 sons of Ishmael

1. Nabajoth
2. Kedar
3. Abdeel
4. Mibsam
5. Mishma
6. Dumah
7. Massa
8. Hadad
9. Tema
10. Jetur
11. Naphish
12. Kedemah

This is a very important verse for us today as we live in “The Last Days” before Jesus returns.

- ⊞ **The Palestinian people** are demanding that Israel and Jerusalem is theirs.
- ⊞ **The Jewish people** claim that the land was given to them by God FOREVER.

Who is right? What is the measurement for Truth?

Genesis 17:19

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**

Genesis 17

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.

Genesis 21

1 And **the LORD visited Sarah** as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken.

2 For **Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age**, at **the set time** of which God had spoken to him.

3 And **Abraham called the name of his son** who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—**Isaac**.

4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 Now **Abraham was one hundred years old** when his son Isaac was born to him.

The Lord fulfilled His promise **“At His set time”**.

- ⊞ **The Lord will fulfill** His promises to you, He will bless your life.
- ⊞ **But it will not be according to your timeline**, which is RIGHT NOW!
- ⊞ **The Lord fulfills His plan** and purpose in your life: **“AT HIS SET TIME”**.
- ⊞ **Like Abraham**, you might have lapses in your faith along the way, **you will also sin and fall...**
- ⊞ **But if you get back and continue** to follow and trust the Lord, He will fulfill His promises to you.
- ⊞ **Even though you might continue to fail** and sin along the way, if you finish your life still trusting Jesus and living for Him, you will be Saved and inherit all of His promises...