



“Faith Fulfilled: Lessons from Abraham’s Life & Death”
12/1/24 Text: Genesis 25:1-18

1. A life of faith ensures that the blessing of God passes on to the next generation (vs 1-6).

[1] Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. [2] She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. [3] Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. [4] The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. [5] Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. [6] But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country.

*Genesis 17:4; Isaiah 60:6–7; Galatians 3:25–29

2. A life of faith is a successful life (vs 7-11).

[7] These are the days of the years of Abraham’s life, 175 years. [8] Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. [9] Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, [10] the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. [11] After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

*Matthew 22:32; Psalm 139:16; Luke 16:22; Genesis 17:20

3. A life of faith trusts God’s blessings to overflow to the world (vs. 12-18).

[12] These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s servant, bore to Abraham. [13] These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael; and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, [14] Mishma, Dumah, Massa, [15] Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. [16] These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their tribes. [17] (These are the years of the life of Ishmael: 137 years. He breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.) [18] They settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria. He settled over against all his kinsmen.

*Amos 9:11–12; Acts 15:13–21; Isa. 42:11; 60:1–9; Genesis 16:12; 17:20

Key Lessons from Abraham’s Life in the School of Faith

- 1) Faith is central to all of life.
- 2) God’s Covenant promises provide hope for all of life.
- 3) God’s Grace brings security in all of life.

Application Questions: Application/Discussion Questions: How were all of God’s promises fulfilled in Abraham’s life, even beyond his own lifetime? What promises of God are you trusting Him to fulfill in your life? What steps can you take today to leave a God-honoring legacy for those who come after you? Abraham didn’t live to see all of God’s promises fulfilled, yet he trusted God completely. How can you cultivate trust in God, even when you don’t see immediate results? The phrase “gathered to his people” points to the hope of eternal fellowship with God. How does this hope shape the way you view life and death? How are you preparing the next generation to walk faithfully with God, just as Abraham prepared Isaac to carry on the covenant promises?

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