

Grandpa Devotional #14

Covenant II

Read Genesis 17:9-16

9 Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.

10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

12 For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring.

13 Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant.

14 Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

15 God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

16 I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

What did God tell Abraham he had to do as part of the covenant between God and him (vv. 9-10)? Keep the Covenant. And be circumcised.

What was circumcision? Cutting away a piece of skin. (Explain according to age and sex of audience.)

Was circumcision the covenant (vv. 11)? No. It was a sign of the covenant. It was a reminder to every Jewish boy that he was special. He was a member of the chosen people of God.

Did circumcision save the boy? No. He was saved like everyone else -- by believing in God

Who had to get circumcised (vv. 12-13a)? Every boy member of the Jewish family and every boy servant.

How long did the covenant last (v. 13b)? Forever.

What would happen if a boy didn't get circumcised (v. 14)? He will not be part of the family anymore because he has broken the covenant.

What did God do next (v. 15)? He changed Sarai's name to Sarah.

What did God promise to do for Sarai (v. 16)? He promised to bless Sarah and give her a son. And He also promised that she would have lots of descendants including some kings.