

Genesis 17:1–27
July 2, 2023

Abraham’s Age and Life Events

- Genesis 12: Abraham was 75, and Sarah was 65 when Abraham and Sarah left Haran for Canaan.
- Genesis 16: Abraham was 85, and Sarah was 75 when Abraham and Sarah used Hagar as a concubine, and she gave birth to Ishmael.
- Genesis 17: Abraham was 99, and Sarah was 89 when God appeared to Abraham and promised that Sarah would have a son in one year.

Covenant God (17:1–3a)

“You did not choose me, but I chose you.” (John 15:16)

“And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.” (Genesis 15:6)

“You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.” (Leviticus 19:2)

“On that day, the Lord made a covenant with Abram.” (Genesis 15:18)

Covenant Promises (17:3b–8)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16–17)

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

Covenant Sign (17:9–14)

“A circumcision made without hands.” (Colossians 2:11)

Covenant Miracle (17:15–21)

Covenant Obedience (17:22–27)

“To bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations.” (Romans 1:5)

Notes

Discuss

- What are common misconceptions about having a relationship with God that Genesis 17 corrects?
- How would you explain to someone unfamiliar to the Bible that your relationship with God isn't based on your obedience, but God still asks you to obey?
- What does it say about the human condition that a good thing that God gave (the covenant sign of circumcision) can be perverted into a legalistic requirement? Are there other things that Christians should beware of doing the same thing to? If so, what are they?
- How is God asking you to wait for his miraculous provision?
- While baptism and the Lord's Supper aren't explicitly called covenant signs in the New Testament, how do they function in a similar way?

Read

Acts 15:1–35; Galatians 6:11–16; Colossians 2:6–15

Pray

- That God will help you to experience a deeper relationship with him.

Bulletin

- Men's Breakfast: July 8 at 8:00am
- Members' Meeting (Copies of Budget and Officer Nominations Have Been Emailed to Members and are also Available for Pick up on Connect Desk): July 9 at 5:00pm
- Women's Bible Study (Twelve Weeks): Starting July 12 at 10:00am