

Summer Series:
Abraham in the New Testament:

The Father of Blessing

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Topical study on Abraham in the New Testament. Four parts to delve into how the character, life and witness of Abraham is integral to the Christian walk and how Abraham is referenced continually in the New Testament as the Church's example of character. Our topics will delve into these four lessons.

- **The Father of Blessing**
- **The Father of Intimacy with God**
- **The Father of Sojourners**
- **The Father of Faith**

Abraham is referenced in eleven of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. Each of the four Gospels mentions Abraham, usually by direct quote of Jesus. Other New Testament writers who reference Abraham are Paul, James, Peter and the writer of Hebrews.

Each reference pulls from the character displayed in Abraham and Sarah's story as an example or witness of:

- 1) God's faithfulness and plan of salvation to the earth,
- 2) how to walk and live as a believer in Jesus.
- 3) taking on the correct attitude in every situation as Abraham did.

To begin, let's review the story of Abraham. Conveniently, the New Testament has two concise narratives re-telling the story of Abraham and Sarah.

New Testament – Re-told story of Abraham

Acts 7:1-8, 15, 51

Hebrews 11:6, 8-19

Father Abraham

First of, “Father Abraham had many sons. So many sons had Father Abraham. I am one of them and so are you, sooo... “

There is a reason for this song because the first topic to understand in this series is that Abraham is a FATHER.

This is an amazing testimony in itself. This man was destined to **not** be a father. He sired no children in the first eighty-five years of his life. Ishmael was born to him through his wife’s maidservant Hagar at eighty-six years old. So just the fact that we now refer to him as Father Abraham is a miracle of God.

But God didn’t just give him a physical family he gave Abraham a spiritual one. A heavenly one, that could actually account for the stars in the sky and grains of sand on the seashore a family birthed by faith, in the same way his son Isaac was birthed.

Luke 16:22-24 – Father Abraham is metaphorically the comforter of the righteous in the afterlife before Christ.

Luke 13:16, Luke 19:9 – Healing and salvation come to the sinner and poor who only have God to believe in for healing or salvation. They are referred to as sons of Abraham specifically by Jesus.

Luke 3:8 – Making Abraham a father was the easiest task for God in Jesus’ eyes, due to Abraham’s faith. He had more than enough to work with.

The difference in the heart between being a physical son or a spiritual son of father Abraham became such a point of contention between Jesus and the Jews it was the catalyst to His crucifixion.

John 8:39-47, 51-59

Abraham is a Father. He has birthed nations physically that still walk and exist on the earth to this day, but he more importantly was a forerunner, forefather, and son of God who broke through spiritually, by faith in the One True God, the light of God into the darkened world. He is the Father of Faith, and those grafted into this same faith are sons of Abraham’s spiritual family of God.

Abram – means *exalted father*

Abraham – means *father of a multitude*

The Father of Blessing

Abraham is the one who received the blessing of God. He received this through his faith, yes, but he also obtained this blessing by knowing God intimately. (We will see this in a future lesson.)

The blessing of Abraham:

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 14:19-20

Genesis 17:1-9, 15-21

“All the families of the earth shall be blessed.” This blessing would be released through Jesus. The blessing would bring freedom. Freedom from the law of sin and death.

Hebrews 2:16

“For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.”

Hebrews 6:13-20

Galatians 3:14-29

For freedom Christ has set us free.

Galatians 4:22-5:1