

## Power of Promise

1. When sin entered the world, God promised a Savior ([Gen. 3:15](#))
  - a. We may not keep our promises
    - i. False promises ([2 Pt. 2:19](#); [Gal. 2:4](#); [Jm. 1:25](#))
    - ii. Sometimes we cannot execute because of hindrance ([Rm. 1:13](#); [1 Th. 2:17-18](#))
  - b. God keeps His promises ([Titus 1:1-3](#))
    - i. It is a testament to His great power
2. God promised Abram three great blessings ([Gen. 12:1-7](#))
  - a. A great nation would come through his descendants ([Gen. 12:2](#))
  - b. All the families of the Earth would be blessed ([Gen. 12:3](#))
  - c. The land of Canaan ([Gen. 12:6-7](#))
3. Abram and his wife Sarai remained childless ([Gen. 15:1-3](#))
  - a. God reminds Abram of the promise ([Gen. 15:4-7](#))
  - b. Abram and Sarai get impatient ([Gen. 16:1-4](#))
    - i. Ishmael was born, but he was not part of the promise ([Gen. 16:15-16](#); [Gal. 4:21-23](#); [Rm. 9:7-8](#))
4. Abram and Sarai receive name changes ([Gen. 17:1-8](#), [15-16](#))
  - a. Though Abraham was 99 years old, the promise had still not been fulfilled (24 years after the promise was made)
  - b. Abraham laughed ([Gen. 17:17](#))
  - c. He presented an alternative ([Gen. 17:18](#))
  - d. God's promise still stands ([Gen. 17:19](#))
5. Sarah laughs; God's promise holds ([Gen. 18:9-14](#))

- a. Nothing is too hard for God
- 6. Isaac conceived and born ([Gen. 21:1-7](#); cf. [Heb. 11:11-12](#); [Rm. 4:16-21](#))
  - a. Through Isaac we ultimately get Christ ([Lk. 3:34-38](#))
  - b. All the families of the Earth are blessed through Jesus ([Gal. 3:16-29](#))

### Conclusion

- 1. God is the Almighty
  - a. Beside Him there are no others ([Isa. 45:5-6](#))
  - b. God's power is over physical death ([Jn. 5:28-29](#))
  - c. God's power is over spiritual death ([Rm. 6:23](#))
  - d. God's power is in promise ([Titus 1:1-2](#))
- 2. Heaven is still promised to those who are faithful ([Jm. 1:12](#); [Jn. 14:15](#))
  - a. God keeps His promises because He has the power to do so
  - b. May we shout with the multitudes, "Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth" ([Rev. 19:6](#) ASV)!