

Introduction

1. Abraham has been referred to as, “the father of faith,” or “the father of the faithful”
 - a. His name (Abram; Abraham) appears over 300 times in the Bible
 - b. He, like Noah and Job, lived in the time of the patriarchs
 - i. He was a descendent of Noah’s son, Shem ([Gen. 11:10-26](#))
 - c. Jesus Christ is his descendant ([Mt. 1:1](#))
 - i. Jesus spoke highly of Abraham ([Jn. 8:31-58](#))
 - d. Abraham was a man of faith, but also a man of reverence
2. Abraham will serve as our next example of reverence
 - a. Abraham’s commitment
 - b. Abraham’s challenge
 - c. Abraham’s confession

Abraham’s Commitment

1. Abraham came from an idolatrous family ([Jos. 24:1-2](#))
2. Abraham obeyed God when told to leave his country and family ([Gen. 12:1-4](#))
 - a. What would cause a man to do such a thing? ([Heb. 11:8](#))
3. Abraham built an altar to the LORD ([Gen. 12:5-8](#))
 - a. Abraham understood the need to call on the name of the LORD ([Gen. 12:8](#))
 - b. Like Noah before, Abraham sacrificed to the LORD ([Gen. 8:20](#))
 - c. We cannot sacrifice to God and to demons [idols] ([1 Cor. 10:14-22](#))
4. Regardless of my upbringing, I can still commit to serve the God of Heaven

Abraham’s Challenge

1. God tested Abraham’s faith by requiring him to sacrifice his promised son, Isaac ([Gen. 22:1-10](#))
 - a. Isaac was the son of promise ([Gen. 21:12](#))
 - b. Abraham’s faith did not waver ([Rm. 4:16-22](#))
2. Abraham’s reverence toward God was on full display ([Gen. 22:11-12](#))
 - a. So was Abraham’s faith ([Heb. 11:17-19](#))
3. God provides for the reverent ([Gen. 22:13-14](#))
 - a. Abraham was greatly blessed and so are we! ([Gen. 22:15-18](#); [Gal. 3:26-29](#))

Abraham's Confession

1. Abraham understood that he was a stranger [foreigner] and pilgrim [sojourner] on the earth ([Heb. 11:13](#))
 - a. So are we! ([1 Pt. 1:1-3](#), [2:11](#))
2. Abraham was seeking a heavenly home ([Heb. 11:14-16](#))
 - a. So are we! ([1 Pt. 1:4-9](#); cf. [Col. 1:3-5](#))
3. The reverent understand where they are going and will do what is necessary to get there

Conclusion

1. Abraham is a great man of faith and reverence
 - a. He left behind his family and country to pursue a better country showing his commitment to God ([Heb. 11:16](#))
 - b. When challenged, Abraham showed his obedience and reverence toward God ([Gen. 22:12](#))
 - c. His confession is the confession of all those who fear the LORD ([Heb. 11:13](#))
2. Make Heaven your home tonight!