

PRAYING MEN OF THE BIBLE

#3 ABRAHAM – THE MAN OF PRAYER

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Oh for determined men and women, who will rise early and really burn out for God. Oh for a faith that will sweep into heaven with the early dawning of the morning and have ships from a shoreless sea loaded in the soul's harbor ere the ordinary laborer has knocked the dew from his scythe or the huckster has turned from his pallet of straw to spread nature's treasures of fruit before the early buyers. Rev. Homer W. Hodge

SCRIPTURE

Book of Genesis chapters 11-25

Central Truth: Worship and prayer were at the core of Abraham's life and his first and regular response to the Lord's direction and commands.

Who was Abram?

1/ Abram was the son of Terah who was from the family line of Shem through Noah.

2/ Abram was called by God.

Genesis 12:1-3 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

3/ He was the "friend of God" and "the father of the faithful."

Isaiah 41:8 "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, descendants of Abraham **my friend**.

Romans 4:16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. **He is the father of us all.**

What did Abram do?

1/ Abram heard the voice of the Lord, obeyed the Lord and the Lord blessed him!

2/ He built altars of worship and prayer to God.

3/ He spoke to God directly.

How was prayer a priority of Abraham's Life?

1/ He interceded for his nephew Lot and for the city of Sodom.

2/ He prayed for Abimelech and the Lord healed him and his household.

3/ Wherever Abraham went, prayer was his inseparable companion.

Christian Life Lessons

1/ As God's revelations become more clear and complete, our prayerfulness and faith should increase.

2/ A life of prayerfulness is one that is full of testing, blessing, and covenant with God.

3/ A life of prayerlessness is one of confusion, misery, and defeat.

Looking Ahead

March 15 – Elijah and Hezekiah

March 22 – Ezra and Nehemiah

March 29 – Daniel and Samuel