

The Promise to Abraham: Faith Illustrated and Modeled Text: Romans 4:18-25

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A. God's promise given to Abraham

1. The substance in the promise

- Individually: Abraham – Rom. 4:13, 17-18
- Corporately: All Christians – Rom 4:13, 16-18

2. The fulfillment of the promise

- By faith – Rom. 4:14, 16
- Through grace

B. God's promise acted upon by Abraham

1. The irrational nature of faith

Rom. 4:18-19, Heb. 11:1, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Joshua 6:1-21, Gen. 22:1-6, Matt. 14:22-33

2. The conquering power of faith

Rom. 4:20-21, Heb. 11:32-40

3. The reward of faith

Rom. 4:22, Heb. 11:6, 2 Tim. 4:7-8

C. God's promise acted upon by us

1. The promise offered

Rom. 4:23-25

2. The promise believed

Rom 4:23-25

- Belief in harmony with Abraham: Rom. 4:23-25
- Belief in the Gospel of God: Rom. 1:1-4
- Christ our substitute: 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 John 4:9-10
- Christ our life: Rom. 6:4-5