

## Revision of Abraham to Joseph.

**This week** we revise on how God sovereignly exercised His Great Plan of Grace in Genesis.

*“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham” Galatians 3v6&7.*

**Bible Readings for this week:**

*(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)*

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 47v1-13,27-31 (Jacob (Israel) settles in Goshen)	
Monday	Genesis 48v1-22 (Israel reminds Joseph of God’s promises)	
Tuesday	Genesis 49v1-21 (Israel blesses his children)	
Wednesday	Genesis 49v22-33 (Israel’s death)	
Thursday	Genesis 50v1-26 (Joseph’s death)	
Friday	Galatians 3v1-14 (God’s Holy Law condemns)	
Saturday	Galatians 3v15-29 (Faith in Christ saves us)	

**Important Lesson for us Today:**

*The Bible speaks of The ‘Seed’ of Abraham, Galatians 3v28-29. It clearly teaches here that not all Jews (biological descendants of Abraham though Isaac and Jacob), were included in Abraham’s ‘seed’. The Lord Jesus told the Jews who claimed to be Abraham’s ‘seed’, that if they rejected Him with a desire to kill him, then they were not of Abraham’s ‘seed’, (see John 8v31-47). Abraham’s ‘seed’ are only those (both Jew and Gentile) who have faith in Him as their Lord and Saviour. Do you believe in Christ with repentance and faith? If yes, then you are included in the ‘Seed of Abraham’.*

Hymn 158 - reminds us that Abraham’s God, The One True, unchanging, God can be our God too.

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| 1. The God of Abraham praise,<br>Who reigns enthroned above,<br>Ancient of everlasting days,<br>And God of love.<br>Jehovah, great I AM!<br>By earth and Heaven confessed;<br>We bow and bless the sacred name,<br>For ever blessed. | 3. The God of Abraham praise,<br>Whose all-sufficient grace<br>Shall guide us all our happy days,<br>In all our ways:<br>He is our faithful Friend;<br>He is our gracious God;<br>And He will save us to the end,<br>Through Jesus’ blood. |
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*EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet*

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.*

## God’s Sovereign Plan for the Salvation of the ‘Seed’ of Abraham.

• **Background to Today’s Revision Lesson.**

- Abraham lived about 4,000 years ago, yet people today behave much like his family.
- Despite our ‘sophisticated’ lifestyle today we share their sinful characteristics.
- Man has not improved over time – We cannot, of ourselves, change our ways.
- We only have to look at our own hearts, and examine our motives, to see this.

**We can only be in one of the following two categories: -**

- **With unforgiven sin** – unbelief, unrepentant, disobedient, proud, jealous, liars, deceitful, selfish, ambitious, hateful, greedy, thieves, lustful, covetous, etc.
- **Forgiven** – With Faith in God, repentant, obedient, humble, truthful, loving, etc.

• **Positively, We can learn from these men how to follow God: -**

- **Abraham: -**
  - Called by God to leave his old life behind. He obeyed – **We are called to obey.**
  - Lived by Faith, God’s gift, bringing him to repentance – **We also need that faith.**
  - Believed all the promises of God and lived his life accordingly – **So should we.**
  - Learned that God would, Himself, provide a sacrifice for sin – **So must we.**
  - Believed in the resurrection from the dead, and eternal life – **So should we.**
- **Isaac: -**
  - Sought God’s will and guidance in all his decisions in life – **So must we.**
  - Discovered that God could do more than he expected or thought – **So must we.**
- **Jacob, (Israel): -**
  - Lonely, afraid, was shown God’s Way to Heaven, and His blessings – **So can we.**
  - Clung to the Lord in prayer, expecting God’s blessing and protection – **So must we.**
- **Joseph: -**
  - Discovered the Sovereign, overruling Hand of God in all his troubles – **So will we.**
  - Lived a life of faith, and trust in God, with honesty and integrity – **So should we.**
  - Rewarded by God. He was raised up to be used of the Lord – **So too, can we.**

• **Negatively, we can learn from these men how not to respond to God: -**

- **Lot: -**
  - Wanted his own way, trying to live without God – We will fail too, if we do this.
- **Esau: -**
  - Despised God’s blessing, not truly repenting – We are warned not to copy him.

**Can we testify that the Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour and Lord, believing that He died on the Cross of Calvary taking the punishment for our sins?**

*The Apostle Paul wrote, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise”. Galatians 3v28-29.*