

Father Abraham

A Promise That Was Kept

Most people who lived the time of the Bible didn't know about God as we do today. They would make statues of wood or stone and they would say that each of these statues was a god. They called one statue the god of the sun. The people believed that this god made the sun rise and set. Another statue was the god of the fields. This god was supposed to make things grow. Another statue was the god of the sea. He was supposed to rule over the oceans and all the fishes that live in it; and so on. These statues of gods were called idols.

But there was a man who thought that such beliefs were foolish. His name was Abraham. He said, "How can a statue made of wood or stone or even of gold be able to do anything? If you draw a picture of a man with eyes and ears and a mouth, you know that the picture can't see or hear or speak. In the same way, if you make a statue with eyes and ears and mouth, you should know that it cannot see or hear or talk. What's the sense of praying to these idols and asking them to help you? They can't do anything. They're just pieces of wood or stone."

"No," said Abraham, "we cannot make God. We cannot even see God. We can only see the wonderful world which God has made. The world is so marvelous and beautiful! I know that God must love us, because He gave

us such a wonderful place to live in. God is just like a father. He loves us and He wants us to be good and kind like He is.

“I shall not bow down to idols. I shall only bow down to God Himself. And I shall try to be good and kind as He wants me to be.”

When God saw that Abraham was a good man, who believed in Him, He appeared to Abraham in a dream and said, “Because you believe in Me and because you are a good man, I shall always watch over you. I shall give you everything a man could want.”

But Abraham answered, “Oh, Lord, of what use would all the riches in the world be to me, if I have no child? I yearn with all my heart for a son and yet I am childish.”

Then God answered Abraham and said, “Look up to the sky. Can you count all the thousands and thousands of stars which you see there? Well, that is how many people will be born from you. I shall surely give you a son. He, too, shall have children. His children shall have children, until they will become so many—as many as the stars in the heaven or the sands of the seashore. And I will make them into a great nation. This is My promise to you, if you continue to believe in Me and to do good.”

Then Abraham bowed down to God and thanked Him.

Everything that God promised to Abraham came true. Abraham became the father of the Jewish people, the first people to believe in one God. And they told all the other people about God so that now millions and millions of people all over the earth know about God and love Him.



Abraham

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