

**“GOD WILL BLESS WITH PLANTY IN 2020”**

**“THE TOOL BOX”**

**WORSHIP ● SERVE ● LIVE**

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**THE SPIRITUAL MAN VS. THE NATURAL MAN**

**(Faith) (Flesh)**

**MEN GOD CHOOSES FOR HIS GREATNESS**

**THE BIG IDEA: To review men in the Bible that God called and used in His**

**service to make Him great among men.**

**BIBLE FACT: God uses His own sovereignty to process and to call**

**whom He wills into His employment to represent and to**

**serve Him.**

**How God Chooses The Man**

**God takes the man (Devine invitation)**

**God breaks the man (Devine motivation)**

**God makes the man (Devine dedication)**

**God blesses the man (Devine inspiration)**

**God uses the man (Devine exaltation)**

**Abraham: God’s Greatest Servant Leader**

**(Identifying The Servant Leader In You)**

**Learn ● Lead ● Live**

**Hebrews 11:8**

**By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.**

**Lesson #20**

**Five end-results of great servant-leadership**

**1.  A true exchange of trust is established**

**2.  Get people to say “we did it”**

**3.  To make other leaders within the group**

**4.  Others want to get involve**

**5.  Teamwork is realized towards one purpose**

II. God makes a covenant with Abraham, changes his name, and blessed him. Chapter 17

1. Abraham’s reverent response to God in His presence; v.3
2. Abraham will be the future of many people; v.4 (the year 2099)

* Who will be still here to represent you?
* How many of them will be males? (Girls are not to be ignored. Boys are to take charge.)
* How many great grandchildren will you produce by then?
* What role will they play in society?
* How much seed money will you plant to endure their trees bear fruit?
* How will your structure the money you leave to be a blessing to your future lineage?
* How likely are you to leave a planned estate for you future family on paper?

1. Abraham’s name is changed with many future benefits through others; vv.5,6
2. God pledges His forever presence and guaranteed future possessions; vv.7,8
3. God requires that His covenant be always kept **by all** His people in all generations; v.9
4. The male child and God’s covenant; vv.10-14

* Every male baby to be circumcised; vv.10,11
  + - Circumcised as a memorial to God
    - To be a personal token to God
  + Christians are circumcised in the heart to God; Jeremiah 4:4; Colossians 2:10-12
  + Under the law all in the house were to be circumcised; vv.12,13
  + The penalty for not being circumcised; v.14

1. Sarah’s blessings; vv.15,16
2. Abraham demonstrates his unreadiness to believe God by trusting in what he sees from the past; vv.17-19
3. God’s blessing for Hagar’s child Ismael; v.20
4. God reinforces that His promise is still with Sarah and Isaac; v.21
5. After God concluded His instructions, He went up from Abraham; v.22
6. Abraham circumcised all in his house; vv.23-27

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