

When God Makes a Promise

Genesis 17:1–27

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. Genesis 17:1–5

When God is quiet, we need to be _____ with what we _____.

El Shaddai, God Almighty: God is _____
of accomplishing all His promises.

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” 19 God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. Genesis 17:18–19

What is God doing?

1. Gives new names and _____ to Abram and Sarai.
2. Establishes an _____ with them.
3. _____ the covenant promises He makes.
4. Makes it clear that he will fulfill these things through Sarah. _____ is _____ with God.
5. _____ the sign of the covenant.

Application:

1. A covenant is a relationship based on the _____ of _____.
2. We cannot _____ the _____ of our relationship with God.
3. You can't have a relationship with God without it _____ your _____.
4. God's promises are not destroyed by _____.
5. Why circumcision? Real faith _____ even to the most _____ and most _____ areas of life.
6. If you are in a covenant relationship with God, then no area of your life can be _____. As Paul puts it, “We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5).

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