

## **Abraham – Father of the Multitude**

Abraham is one of the few men recorded in both the old & new testaments. One reason is that he is the ‘father’ of the chosen people, the Israelites as well as the Ishmaelites & Edomites. The other is that he is the ‘spiritual father’ of the people of faith - Christians.

### **His Characteristics**

1. **Obedient** – left family & home when God called him. Gen.12:1-4,  
Act.7:2-4, Heb.11:8
2. **Believed God’s promises.** Gal.3:6-9, Rom.4:2-3 They were,
  - a. I will make you a great nation – Israel became a great nation.
  - b. I will bless you – God gave him everything he needed & more.
  - c. I will make your name great – the Jews looked to Abraham.
  - d. You shall be a blessing – All who knew him were blessed, especially Lot.
  - e. I will bless those who bless you – God rewarded those who blessed him.
  - f. I will curse those who curse you – God cursed those who harmed him.
  - g. In you all families of earth shall be blessed – fulfilled in Christ!
3. Therefore, was a **man of unwavering faith!** Heb.:11:8 & 17-18  
He went out not knowing where God would lead him and was prepared to offer his son to God, knowing that God could raise him from the dead!  
*He had to wait 25 years to receive the son of the promise!* (Rom.4:18-21)
4. He had a **close relationship** with God! Gen.18:20-33  
He interceded on behalf of the innocent as well as the sinner!  
From 50, 45, 30, 20 down to 10.
5. Finally, a **nature** that was (for mankind) pleasing to God! He did what was right!
  - h. Friend of God – Jam.2:23
  - i. Example to Jews – Joh.8:37-45, Rom.4:12
  - j. Has a place in the kingdom of heaven! – Mat.8:11, Luk.13:28

### **Conclusion**

God loved and trusted Abraham! Abraham in turn was obedient, faithful and close to God. He rightly is the ‘father of us all’ when we do as he did. Do you have this kind of relationship with the Lord? Are you a friend of God?