



## Devotional Thought

Father Abraham

One of the greatest names in the three largest religious groups in the world is Abraham. He is claimed by Jews, Christians and Muslims. But what makes Abraham so great? While there is much that I could say about him, the Bible expresses itself clearly enough that my words are not needed. Let the Bible speak about Abraham.

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, of whom it was said, “*In Isaac your seed shall be called,*” concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense” (Hebrews 11:8-19).

-Chad

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shawna Fulmer, Terresa Williams' daughter gave birth to a baby boy Dylan Dambrino on January 27. Congratulations!

Long ago member of Porter Church of Christ and more recently member at Splendor Church of Christ, **Tony Miske** passed away last week. Visitation is Monday evening in Cleveland at Pace Stancil and Funeral Tuesday.

### Upcoming Events:

**February 12**, the elders will address the congregation after an abbreviated worship service.

**February 12**, Children's Bible Hour 6 p.m.

**February 12**, Sunday Night Live at Crosby Church of Christ.

**February 18-19**, the Kats for Christ will be here. We are seeking host homes for these guests. There will be a sign up sheet on the table by the nursery if you are interested in hosting.

### Today's Lessons:

AM: The Establishment of God's People

PM: My Lord and My God

### For Next Week's Lesson:

Read : Genesis 36-50

Topic: God Sent Me Here

**“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much ” (James 5:16).**

**Keep the following Members, Family and Friends in your prayers:**

**Mary Curlee**, Chad's cousin began chemo Wednesday.

**Margie Mae (Cindy Breiton's Mom)** is doing better and has a follow-up appt on the 16th..

**Harold Wright's grandson's wife, Kindra Myers** has Chron's Disease and is very sick.

**Chisolm Dutton** is experiencing some jaundice.

**Molly Carr (Jan's niece)** has been diagnosed with cancer.

Pray for **Sarah Martin** as she is having very bad pregnancy sickness.

Pray for **Roy Utsey** in his job search.

**Alma Colburn's friend** Tabbath and her eight -year-old son Zach are having some struggles in their lives.

John and Jennifer Anderson, **friends of Craig & Elizabeth Marsh** are trying invitro fertilization in their attempt to have a baby.

**Cheston Loving's niece** is having medical issues during her difficult pregnancy.

**Mariann Young** had a accident at work last Wednesday that affected fingers on her hand.

Pam Thompson who grew up with the **Striplings** has lost several family members recently.

**Meagan Stanaland, Rebecca Karl, Jennifer Russell, Kristen Maddux, Sarah Martin, and Josh & Kelly (Friends of Craig & Kristen)** are all expecting.

Continue to remember: **Terry & Dewana Hall, The Shipton Family (friends of Ben & Stacey), Lenore Springer, Bill Freeman (John's Uncle), Noah Casey, Rusty Holland, Dail Breazeale, Alma Coburn, Betty Burke, Maggie Conley, Samuel Casey, Janna Wickham (Chad's Mom), and Ken Adams (friend of Gina Owen).**

**“Abram believed the Lord, and it was accounted to him as righteousness ”  
(Genesis 15:6).**