

FAITH LESSONS FROM FATHER ABE

Romans 4:16-25

Christianity is _____
... The righteous man shall live by faith Romans 1:17

(Jesus) ... Where is your faith? Luke 8:25

Definition of a Miracle (4:17)

When God:

1. Gives new _____
2. Creates _____

I. How God Prepares Us for a Miracle (v. 18)

1. _____ (Genesis 12:1-3)
2. _____ (Genesis 12:4)
3. _____ (Genesis 15:1-6)
4. _____ (Genesis 17:1-5, 15-19)
5. _____ (Genesis 22:1-12)
6. _____ (Genesis 22:13-14)

II. Observations on Abraham the Father of Faith

Abraham:

1. Chose to put his _____ (v. 17)
... in the sight of God, in whom he believed... (v. 17 NIV)
2. Chose to _____ (v. 18)
3. Confronted _____ (v. 19)
Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact... (Rom 4:19 NIV)

Faith is _____ the _____ and not getting _____

... when he (Peter) saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Matt 14:30

4. _____ (v. 20-22)
... was strengthened in faith, having given glory (doxa) to God, Romans 4:20 (YLT)

Doxology- a usually liturgical expression of praise to God (Webster)

... they were filled with awe; and they praised (doxazo) God, Matt 9:8

(put on)... the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; Isa 61:3

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. Psalms 67:5-7 (KJV)

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. Rom 1:21-23

5. Said what _____ about his _____ (v. 17)
God who... calls into being that which does not exist (v. 17)

"As for Me, this is My covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. Genesis 17:4-6

Abram- High father Abraham- Father of a multitude (Strong's)

Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amos 3:3 (KJV)

Question: What has God _____ ?