

**Gen 17:15-18:33**  
**“Nothing is hard for God”**

**Introduction**

We finished last time looking at the symbol of circumcision.

It was to represent the cutting away of the flesh life, and a life walking in the faith of Abraham.

**Rom 2:28-29**

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

**Gen 17:17 Abraham laughed**

**Rom 4:18-21**

18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

**Gen 17:18 Abraham said, “Let Ismael live before me”**

**Galatians 4:21–31**

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,

24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—

25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—

26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written: “*Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband.*”

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac *was*, are children of promise.

29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, even so *it is* now.

30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “*Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.*”

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

## Gen 18

### Gen 18:1 The “LORD” appeared to Abraham

#### Jesus said to the Pharisees in the New Testament:

##### John 8:56–57

56 Your father **Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.**

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

### Gen 18:17-19 Abraham keep the way and do righteousness and justice

#### 2 Chronicles 20:7

7 Are You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of **Abraham Your friend forever?**

#### Isaiah 41:8

8 “But you, Israel, *are* My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of **Abraham My friend.**

#### James 2:23

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “*Abraham believed God, and it was* accounted to him for righteousness.” And **he was called the friend of God.**

#### John 15:15

15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

### Gen 18:14 Is there anything to hard for God

#### Mark 9:23

23 Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, **all things are possible** to him who believes.”

#### Luke 1:37

37 For with God **nothing will be impossible.**

#### Luke 18:27

27 But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

#### Matthew 19:26

26 But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

**Matthew 21:18–22**

18 Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry.

19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither away so soon?”

21 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done.

22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

**Gen 18:23-33 Does God destroy the righteous with the wicked?**
**2 Peter 2:9**

9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

**2 Peter 2:4–9**

4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

7 and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—

9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,