

Isaac's Birth & Favor Promised

Study 10- Genesis 16-17

1. Reread **Genesis 15:1-6**. What does Abraham ask God in this passage? What does God promise Abraham regarding a future heir?
2. Read **Genesis 16:1-16**. What does Abraham's wife Sarai (later renamed Sarah in Gen. 17:15) convince Abraham to do? Why do you think Sarai suggest this as the way for Abraham to have a child? Why do you think Abraham actually listened to his wife and went forward with her recommendation?
3. What does God promise to Ishmael's mother regarding the future of her son, Ishmael?
4. Read **Genesis 17:1-27**. What does God promise Abraham in verses 1-6? What does God promise Abraham in verses 15-19?
5. How does Abraham respond when God tells Abraham that Sarah will bear him a son? Why do you think Abraham responded in this manner? Why will Abraham name his future son "Isaac"? What does this name mean in Hebrew?
6. Why do you think God chose Isaac, and not Ishmael, to be the favored heir and the son through whom God's covenant with Abraham will continue? In other words, why was Ishmael not given the covenant favor and yet Isaac was? What, if anything, does this say to you about God? Suggested Reading: *Genesis 21:1-12*
7. What was circumcision? How was it done? Why do you think God commanded Abraham to have every male in his family circumcised? What would happen to any Hebrew son who was not circumcised as God specifically instructed? Suggested Reading: *Genesis 12:3*

Bonus: What is **Vitamin K**? *Look it up if necessary.* What primary benefits does Vitamin K provide the body? When in a person's life do Vitamin K levels exceedingly spike higher than normal? On what day did God command circumcision to be done? Why this specific day?