

The Death of Abraham

Genesis 25:1-11

Main Point:

Prepare for your death by passing on God's covenant to the children of the church.

1. Like Abraham, you will not be here forever.

2. Before you die, you need to pass on God's covenant to the next generation.

3. God will ordinarily bless your efforts because the children of believers are part of the covenant community.

4. Prepare for your death by passing on God's covenant to the children of the church.

Cross-References and Quotations

Hebrews 9:27 ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, (NKJV)

1 Chronicles 1:32 ³² Now the sons born to Keturah, Abraham's concubine, were ... (NKJV)

Genesis 24:35-36 ³⁵ "The LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. ³⁶ "And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and to him he has given all that he has. (NKJV)

Genesis 17:19 "... Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant ... (NKJV)

Psalms 71:18 ¹⁸ Now also when *I am* old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to *this* generation, Your power to everyone *who* is to come. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 7:14 ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. (NKJV)

J.G. Vos "God claims the children of believers are His ... [They] have a covenant standing from birth and are not to be regarded as if they ... [are] exactly the same as the children of the world."

Joel Beeke "Firmly convinced of their need, we will be deeply motivated to do all we can and to persevere in bringing them to Christ."

Ephesians 6:4 ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (ESV)

Proverbs 23:13-14 ¹³ Do not withhold correction from a child, For *if* you beat him with a rod, he will not die. ¹⁴ You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell. (NKJV)

George Swinnock "Precepts teach, but examples draw."

Matthew Henry "Those who glorify Christ by coming to him themselves, should further glorify him by bringing all they have, or have influence upon, to him likewise."