

## The Promise – Children of the Promise – Lesson 5

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1. **Sabbath – Gen 11:4, 12:2, 15:1–3, Isa 25:8, 1 Cor 2:9, 1 Pet 2:9, Rev 22:1–5** – What is a promise?
2. From the story on Sabbath what was the girl’s response to the promise?
3. Do you feel the same way about God’s promises?
4. What about when you pray for something He promised to give His believers in Scriptures? Think **Malachi 3** – open the windows of heaven...
5. **Thy Shield Gen 15:1-3, Deut 33:29, Psa 18:30, 84:11, 144:2** What is a shield?
6. In what way was the Lord a “shield” to Abraham?
7. What are the implications of having God personally as your shield?
8. Was it primarily intended to be physical protection?
9. How do you suppose Abraham understood that promise from God?
10. **The Messianic Promise: Part 1 Gen 12:3, 18:18, 22:18, 28:14, Gal 3:8, 9, 27–29** How are all the families of earth blessed in Abraham?
11. In what ways are we blessed today?
12. How often do we think about our blessings? Do we take them for granted?
13. Why do we think people who don’t know God and are famous for some reason: music, movies, sports, or business, are blessed when they do not give God glory, but receive it to themselves?
14. After the flood, God gave the promise associated with the rainbow. But, of what use would that be if there was no hope of eternal life?
15. **The Messianic Promise: Part 2 Isa 25:8, 1 Thess 4:16–18 1 Cor 2:9, Rev 3:12, 22:2–5** What is the enemy God will destroy forever?
16. What precious promise did Jesus give to all people in **John 14:1-3**?
17. When were those promises to Abraham fulfilled?
18. I have a real problem with this part of the lesson introducing Augustine. Look up who he was <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/augustine/>
19. **A Great and Mighty Nation . . . Gen 12:2, 18:18, 46:3, Exo 19:5, 6; Deut 4:6–8, Isa Isa 56:7, 60:1–3, 1 Pet 2:9** How did they become mighty?
20. It was clearly God’s plan for Abraham’s descendants to be witnesses to the entire world. Is that why He gave them a home at the crossroads of the ancient world? Look at your maps in your Bible or on the Internet.
21. Why did the Hamitic nations fear the Israelites?
22. Since Abraham and his descendants did not accomplish all that God wanted them to do, was that task passed on to us?
23. **Make Your Name Great Gen 11:4, 12:2, Rom 4:1–5, 1 Cor 4:9, Jam 2:21–24** What does it mean to make someone’s name great?
24. Why did God make that promise to Abraham?
25. What kind of people are considered to be great in our day?
26. How would you compare what you know about Abraham to what you know about modern-day actors, politicians, artists, and the wealthy?