

**HOW CAN TRUE BELIEVERS RECOVER FROM GREAT FAILURE?  
LEARNING FROM THE ALMIGHTY'S INTERACTION WITH ABRAHAM  
Genesis 17:1-8**

- I. WE MUST WHOLE HEARTEDLY WALK BEFORE THE ALMIGHTY, UNDERSTANDING WHEN GOD DELAYS IT COULD BE BECAUSE OF OUR DISOBEDIENCE:** After failing, by attempting to fulfil God's will in the flesh, Abram is commanded to walk before the Almighty with a whole heart **(1)**
- A. The context is revealed: Abram is 99 years old and it has been 13 years since Ishmael was born (1a, 24)
  
  - B. We must understand who our God is: He is the Almighty
  
  - C. We must walk rightly before Him, with a whole heart.
- II. WE MUST REALIZE, IN SPITE OUR FAILURES, THE ALMIGHTY KEEPS HIS SAVING PROMISES:** After the Almighty commands Abram to walk rightly before Him, He reveals He will now establish the Covenant He previously made **(2)**
- III. WE MUST RESPOND RIGHTLY TO THE ALMIGHTY** by reverently listening, allowing His Word to confront our lack of faith and correct our thinking and thus obeying **(3-22)**
- A. **Abram worships and then God reiterates and reveals more concerning His everlasting covenant to be God his descendants (3-8)**
    - 1. Abram responds worshiping the Almighty (3a)
  
  
    - 2. God then changes his name to Abraham, revealing more concerning His everlasting covenant to be God to him and his descendants (3b-8)
- Next week, Lord willing*
- B. Abraham is to keep the sign (circumcision) of the eternal covenant (9-14)
  - C. Sarah will bear a son, Abraham laughs and pleads for Ishmael, God say no! (15-22)
- IV. WE RECOGNIZE GENUINE HEART OBEDIENCE IS A MANIFESTATION OF TRUE FAITH (23-27)**