

STRETCH

Module 4:
Knowing God
Session 3: God in OT

God (the Father)

- 3.1 God in Creation
- 3.2 God & Abraham



God in Creation

- In the beginning God v.1a
- God's independence
Acts 17:24-26
Job 41:11

God in Creation

"God created the heavens & the earth" v.1b

- Creator God

God in Creation

Negative state 1:2

- Emptiness, formless, dark, unordered

Spirit of God hovering v.2b

God in Creation

Creation by God's word 1:3-31

- **His word has power**
God said... v.3
Let there be...
2 Cor. 4:6

Creation by God's word 1:3-31

Creation is also divided in two trios

- Day 1 Light v.3-5
- Day 2 Firmament; sky/seas v.6-8
- Day 3 Dry land & Vegetation v.9-13
- Day 4 Lights v.14-19
- Day 5 Inhabitants; fish/birds v.20-23
- Day 6 Land animals & Humans 26-31

What does this tell us about God?

God in Creation

- What is distinctive about the creation of man in v.26-31?

God in Creation

- **'Let us...'** v.26

God is more than One
'in our image'

How are we like God?

God in Creation

- **'in our image'** v.26

Made like God so he can
commune with us
Not God, like Him
Different than the rest of
creation

God in Creation

- God created and rules
- God brings order and substance

God & Abraham

Divine Encounters

- **Spoke**– Gen. 12:1 'Go'
- **Appeared** Gen. 12:7 'give this land'
- **Vision** – Gen. 15:1 'offspring as like the stars', 'land for offspring'

Abram believed the LORD, and he
credited it to him as righteousness. *Gen*
15:6

God & Abraham

- **READ: Genesis 17:1-14**
- **Question to discuss** – What does this passage tell us about God? How he interacts with people?

God & Abraham

Dialogue - God and Abraham v.1b-21

I am God Almighty' = El Shaddai

God & Abraham

Covenant Expectations v.1

- Walk before me
- Blameless

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Covenant Rewards v.2

- Increase you greatly
- His blesses those who follow him

God & Abraham

Covenant Response v.3a

- Fell on his Face
Submission, humility, gratitude, awe

God & Abraham

Covenant Name v.3b-8

- Abram – 'exalted father'
- Abraham – 'father of a multitude'

God & Abraham

Covenant Sign v.9-14

You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

Genesis 17:11

God & Abraham

Covenant Sign v.9-14

3 kinds of signs God uses in the OT

- Proof Signs
- Acted Signs
- Mnemonic Signs

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Covenant Sign v.9-14

- **Circumcision:** Outward sign of a Covenant of the Faith

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor un-circumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.” Gal 5:6

God & Abraham

Covenant Doubt v.15-21

- **Laughs! v.17**

"How could I become a father at the age of 100?" he wondered.
"Besides, Sarah is 90; how could she have a baby?" *Gen. 17:17 NLT*

God & Abraham

Covenant Doubt v.15-21

- No rebuke from God
- Takes his doubt & concerns to God v.18

God & Abraham

KEY POINT:

- God chose an impossible circumstance
- Shows He is God Almighty
El Shaddai

God & Abraham

Covenant Response v.22-27

- On that very day... v22 NLT
- Faith is put into ACTION