

## **Fate to Promise**

### **(Parallel: Abraham's Future is Ours Series – Part IV)**

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NOTE: Until Gen. 17:5, Abraham has the name of Abram, but to simplify the discussion we will be using the name God gives him, Abraham.

1. Hindus believe that what we do in this life determines the fate of our next life as the endless cycle of reincarnation continues. They call it karma. While we don't believe in reincarnation, how does our belief in fate affect how we live?
  
2. Our lives are full of choices. Pastor Thad described three approaches to making the right choice. List them below and then discuss the likely outcome of following that pathway. Are any of them a good pathway for making the right choice?
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
  
3. Abraham sometimes acted on his own (see Gen. 12:11-20). The result was often problems of great severity (Gen. 13:7-9). His decision to solve the problem on his own, then led to more problems (Gen. 14: 12-16). Does this cycle sound familiar to you?
  
4. How does Gen. 15:1, 6 change everything?
  
5. Read Romans 4:19-25 to see how Paul describes the significance of what Abraham did.
  
6. Well, that's fine for Abraham and his direct descendants, but what about us? Do we have a similar promise? Read Galatians 3:26-28 and see how that might help answer the question.