



THAT VERY SAME DAY

WHEN REVELATION BECOMES RESPONSE

— ♦ GENESIS 17:23-27 ♦ —

OPENING ALIGNMENT QUESTION

*When God has made His will clear,
do I respond to God—
or do I keep studying, debating, delaying,
and explaining what I already
know I should obey?*

WHERE WE ARE IN ABRAHAM'S STORY

A Twenty-Five-Year Walk

75

Called out of Haran

86

Ishmael is born

99

Tonight's passage

MAIN THOUGHT

*Genesis 17 does not end
with more revelation.
It ends with response.*

TONIGHT'S MOVEMENT

Five Verses, One Progression

HEARD

Verse 23: Abraham responds.

SURRENDERED

Verse 24: Abraham personally submits.

DISTINGUISHED

Verse 25: Ishmael's complicated place becomes visible.

MODELED

Verse 26: Father and son share the cost.

EXTENDED

Verse 27: The household comes under the consequences of Abraham's response.

The progression for tonight: heard, surrendered, distinguished, modeled, extended.

GENESIS 17:23

God Finishes Speaking, Abraham Starts Moving

- God finishes speaking.
- “So Abraham took...”
- That very same day.

GENESIS 17:23

That Very Same Day

— בְּעֶצֶם הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה — be'etzem hayyom hazzeh

“that very same day” — on that very same day, on the very substance of that day

GENESIS 17:23

God Finishes Speaking, Abraham Starts Moving

*We sometimes call it discernment.
God may call it disobedience.*

"Spiritualized" Delay	Biblical Shema — Obedience
<i>"I need to pray about forgiving them."</i>	Forgive as Christ forgave you.
<i>"I'm waiting for peace to stop this habit."</i>	Flee youthful lusts immediately.
<i>"I'm looking for guidance on leading my home."</i>	Walk before Me and be blameless.

GENESIS 17:23

The Real Question

- How often do we ask for another word—
- when the real issue is whether we'll respond
- to the one He already gave?

GENESIS 17:24

Ninety-Nine Years Old—Still Being Changed

- Ninety-nine years old.
- Still being changed.
- Standing under the command—not above it.

GENESIS 17:24

Ninety-Nine Years Old—Still Being Changed

- Correction is not just for other people.
- Surrender is not just for younger believers.
- Teaching is not something I only give.

GENESIS 17:24

Am I Exempting Myself?

- Am I asking others to live truths
- I have exempted myself from?

GENESIS 17:25

Ishmael: Blessed, Marked, but Not Isaac

יִשְׁמָעֵאל — Yishma'el

“God hears.” — given because God heard Hagar's affliction

Loved. Blessed. Marked. **Not Isaac.**

GENESIS 17:25

Ishmael: Blessed, Marked, but Not Isaac

- Being loved.
- Being blessed.
- Sharing the household sign.
- Carrying the covenant assignment.
- Not identical.

Different Assignment, Not Lesser Love

- God can love Ishmael without giving him
- Abraham's hoped-for role.
- Different assignment is not lesser love.

GENESIS 17:26

Father and Son Under the Same Cost

- “That very same day—”
- Abraham was circumcised,
- and his son Ishmael.

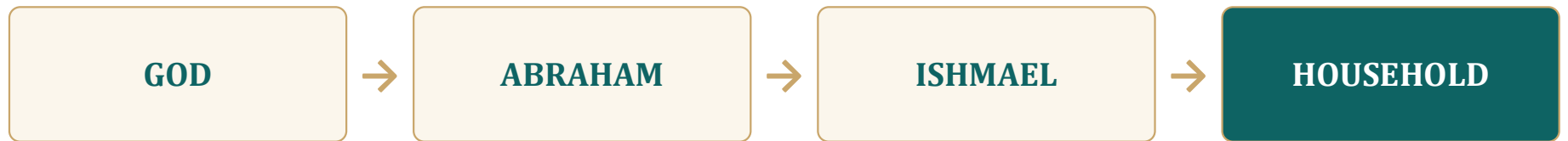
GENESIS 17:26

Who Are You Following?

- Can the people following me see
- that I am also following Someone?

GENESIS 17:27

One Man's Encounter With God Reorders the House



GENESIS 17:27

What Is Changing In My Sphere?

- What is changing in my sphere—
- because I genuinely know and follow Christ?

KEY HIDDEN GEM

The Flesh, Marked

The location is the sermon.

GENESIS 16

The flesh attempts
to produce the promise.



GENESIS 17

The flesh is marked
as belonging to God.

CLOSING TEACHING MOVEMENT

Walk Before Me

- God finishes speaking.
- Abraham does something beautifully simple:
- He responds.

CLOSING TEACHING MOVEMENT

Walk Before Me

- Not merely obedience.
- A man learning to live
- under the voice of God.

FINAL ALIGNMENT QUESTION

*When God speaks into my life,
does the truth remain something I understand—
or can the people, responsibilities, and
environment God has entrusted to me
eventually see evidence I actually heard Him?*

TONIGHT'S RESPONSE

Three Steps

1

Identify the “Verse 22” Gap

Where has God spoken, but I haven't moved?

2

Cut Off the Excuses

Personal alignment before household leadership.

3

Act “That Very Same Day”

One concrete step within twenty-four hours.

The evidence Abraham heard God
was not that he could repeat
what God said.

It was that “that very same day,”
his life came into alignment with it.

Believers hear God's voice—
and they follow Him.



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