

# *Parshah Insights 2021*

## **Parshot:**

### **Lech Lecha – Vayeira - Chayei Sarah**

(Genesis 12:1-25:18)

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#### **The Question:**

Why did Abraham have such great love and faith toward God?

## The Better Question:

Why doesn't all mankind have such love and faith toward God?

### Romans 4:16-17

For this reason it is by faith, that it might be in accordance with grace, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Torah, but also to those who are of the faith of **Abraham, who is the father of us all**, as it is written, "A father of many nations have I made you" ...

### Proverbs 11:30

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## Genesis 18:25

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## Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of Adonai came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a **shield** to you. Your reward shall be very great."

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## Genesis 3:23

Therefore Adonai God sent him out **from the garden** of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

## Psalms 119:114

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

## Genesis 22:1-2

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Take now your son, your only begotten son, whom you love, Isaac, and **go for yourself** to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as an offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

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## Discussion Questions:

- In what ways has your own walk with God paralleled that of Abraham?
  - Did any of Abraham's failings prevent God from accomplishing His will through him?
  - What did Abraham spend his life looking for? (Hebrews 11:8-10)
  - Has your faith been challenged by what you see as a lack of faith in fellow believers?
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## NOTES:

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*"There are no real personalities apart from God. Until you have given up your self to Him you will not have a real self... But there must be a real giving up of the self. You must throw it away 'blindly' so to speak. Christ will indeed give you a real personality; but you must not go to Him for the sake of that. As long as your own personality is what you are bothering about you are not going to Him at all. The very first step is to try to forget about the self altogether. Your real, new self will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him...Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ, and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in."*

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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**Hebrews 11:8-10** By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**Hebrews 12:22** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels.