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**Three Characteristics that Lead to a Blessed Life**

Abraham was a man greatly blessed by God. Today, we will study three characteristics of Abraham that brought him into God's blessing. The Bible teaches that Abraham's blessing belongs to every believer. If we live by these three characteristics, we will also receive God's blessing.

1 Abraham obeyed God - Genesis 22:1-3.

1.1 Isaiah 1:19 - We must be willing to obey God.

1.2 To obey God means being willing to live by His Word in every area of our lives.

2 Abraham believed God - Genesis 22:5, 8.

2.1 Hebrews 11:17-19 - Abraham believed God would honor His Word in the most difficult circumstances.

2.2 To obey in faith means you obey God, believing His promise will come to pass in your life.

3 Abraham revered God - Genesis 22:12.

3.1 Proverbs 22:4 - Humility brings riches, honor, and life.

3.2 To reverence God is to live with a desire never to do anything that would displease God.

4 Abraham was blessed by God - Genesis 22:14, 17-18

4.1 Gen. 24:1, 35 – Abraham was greatly blessed in all things.

5 The blessing of Abraham belongs to every believer - Galatians 3:13-14, 29.

Conclusion: God said Abraham's blessing belongs to you. Obedience, faith, and reverence do not convince God to bless you; God has already blessed you. Obedience, faith, and reverence will put you in a position to receive the blessing of Abraham.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to obey God?

2. What did Abraham believe?

3. According to Proverbs 22:4, what happens when we reverence God?