

ABRAHAM'S SURRENDER

Text: Ephesians 2:8-10

Introduction:

1. To surrender means, "To yield to the power of another; to relinquish; to give up possession of something upon compulsion or demand."
2. "I Surrender All"
3. Franklin Camp wrote: **"A person who thinks he can give only a tenth of his material possessions and a seventh of his time has never appreciated the words of this song."**
4. Consider what Abraham surrendered...

- I. Abraham Surrendered His Country (Genesis 12:1)
 - A. We must be willing to surrender our country (Philippians 3:20; 1 John 2:15).
 - B. We must accept that we are strangers and pilgrims here (1 Peter 2:11).
- II. Abraham Surrendered His Kinship (Genesis 12:1)
 - A. We must be willing to surrender our family ties (Matthew 10:35-37).
 - B. Sometimes a person's family can be their spiritual enemy.
 - C. Even Jesus' family was a hindrance to Him (John 7:3-5).
- III. Abraham Surrendered His Own Wisdom (Hebrews 11:8)
 - A. We must be willing to surrender the wisdom of the world (1 Corinthians 1:18).
 - B. Naaman was not healed until he surrendered his own wisdom for God's (2 Kings 5:1-11).
 - C. Man will not be saved until he accepts God's wisdom (John 3:14-16).
- IV. Abraham Surrendered His Personal Privilege (Genesis 13:7-12)
 - A. We must be willing to surrender our privilege to serve God and others (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:19-22).
 - B. We must not put our "rights" above unity and peace in the church.
- V. Abraham Surrendered His Will (Genesis 22:1-3)
 - A. We must be willing to put God's will above our own (cf. Acts 9:6).
 - B. This was the attitude of Jesus (Luke 22:42).
- VI. Abraham Surrendered His Affections (Genesis 22:2)
 - A. We must be willing to surrender our affections to the love of God (Matthew 22:37-38; Colossians 3:1-2).
 - B. As much as Abraham loved Isaac, he loved God more.
- VII. Abraham Surrendered His Son (Genesis 22:9-10)
 - A. We must be willing to surrender all to the Lord (cf. Hebrews 11:17-19).
 - B. Compare Abraham with the rich, young ruler (Mark 10:21-22).
 - C. Compare Abraham with God the Father (John 3:16; 10:17-18).
- VIII. Abraham Surrendered His Doubts (Romans 4:16-22)
 - A. We must be willing to surrender our doubts to complete trust in God (James 1:6).
 - B. God is able (Matthew 19:26; Ephesians 3:20)!

- IX. Abraham Surrendered His Hesitation (Genesis 22:3)
- A. We must be willing to surrender our hesitation to obedience (Acts 24:25; 26:28).
 - B. Procrastination is the thief of time and souls (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Conclusion: "All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all."

- *Adapted from a sermon by Franklin Camp*