

THE ABRAHAM PARADOX

Introduction – To understand the biblical vision of God and life we must embrace its paradoxical nature. A paradox consists of true statements that lead to an apparent or real contradiction in logic or intuition.

The boy had three birthdays.
The boy was thirteen years old.

A. The God who needs nothing, but asks for everything

Psalms 50:9-11

B. God promised Abraham the seeming impossible.

Genesis 12:1-3

C. Sarah was past the age of bearing children before God gave them a child, Isaac.

Genesis 18:10-14

D. God told Abraham to take the life of his only son.

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-14

Hebrews 11:17-19

Conclusion – The God who needs nothing from us challenges us to give up everything. There is no place for cheap grace or easy “believism” in Christ.

John 3:16

Luke 9:23-24