

Genesis 17:23

So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very same day, as God had said to him.

Before we get into today's devotional verse, a little background of what was going on here. God was talking to Abram (Abraham) and told him that in his old age that he and Sarai (Sarah) would have a child. God also changed Abram's and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah. God made it clear to Abraham that this covenant was between Him and Abraham.

† ***Genesis 17:2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.***

But Abraham had to be a part of this as well, which we know by God telling him:

† ***Genesis 17:9-11 And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you."***

Which as you read further, leads us up to today's devotional verse, and there is one very important thing I want us all to see, and that is the phrase "***that very same day***". If you read today's devotional verse again it says that Abraham did not wait a month, or a week, or even a day to do this, no he did it ***that very same day***.

If you read back in Genesis 14:14 it says that Abraham had 318 servants born into his house, and that does not include those men who he had purchased as servants in his house.

Genesis 14:14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

Which is important because remember God said ***all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money***. So no telling how many men Abraham had. But still he was obedient to get all those men together and tell them what God had told him and he circumcised them all ***that very same day***, and you can bet all the men, including Abraham were in pain for several days after this.

Sure, it was painful, but the Christian life is not always an easy walk in the park, sometimes there is pain, but the end results is God's blessings. How do we know this? Because Sarah did not conceive (Got pregnant) until after Abraham was obedient to what God had told him to do.

Has God told you something to do and have you lingered and made excuses why you couldn't do it now. Go ahead and keep lingering, but don't expect God's blessing from what He is telling you to do until you do it. When should you do it? *That very same day.*