

Hebrews 6:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Analysis

After patient endurance ('makrothumēsas' - long-suffering), Abraham 'obtained the promise.' This illustrates the Reformed doctrine of perseverance - true faith endures to receive the promised inheritance. Abraham waited 25 years from promise to Isaac's birth, demonstrating that God's timetable differs from ours. Faith means trusting God's promise even through long delay.

Historical Context

Abraham received the promise at age 75 (Genesis 12:4) but Isaac wasn't born until Abraham was 100 (Genesis 21:5). This quarter-century of waiting tested and refined Abraham's faith, making him the exemplar of faith (Romans 4).

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Abraham's long wait encourage patient faith in God's timing?
2. What promises of God are you waiting to see fulfilled, and how do you maintain faith during the wait?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οὕτως	μακροθυμήσας	ἐπέτυχεν	τῆς	ἐπαγγελίας
And	so	after he had patiently endured	he obtained	G3588	the promise
G2532	G3779	G3114	G2013		G1860

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 6:12 (Covenant): That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Exodus 1:7 (Parallel theme): And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.