

LESSON

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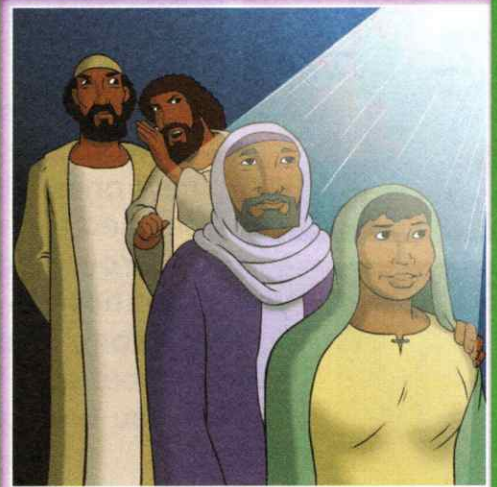
Freedom!

According to today's Scripture text, everyone who seeks to know God should consider their *ancestors* (past family members)—Abraham and Sarah. Abraham was alone when God called him and blessed him to become a great nation (or have many future family members).

God promised to bless the people of Israel again. He would make their land be like the Garden of Eden—which was a place of great joy and gladness. Songs of thanksgiving would fill the air.

God called for the people to listen closely as His law was proclaimed and as His justice became a light to all nations. God's mercy, justice, and *salvation* (freedom from sin) were on the way. God would rule the nations. Then the skies would disappear like smoke, and the earth would wear out like a piece of old clothing. The people of the earth would die like flies. But God's salvation and righteous leadership would last forever.

God was speaking to those who knew right from wrong and cherished His law deep within. He warned them not to be afraid of people's evil words. They would be destroyed like moths or worms destroy clothing. Only God's righteousness and His salvation will last forever.



Lesson Scripture:
Isaiah 51:1-8

Key Verse

[God said,] "My salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail." (Isaiah 51:6c)



Worn Out!

Patrick had a problem: his mom told him that his clothes were all worn out and that they needed to go on a shopping trip for new ones. The only problem was that Patrick hated shopping. It seemed to be a huge waste of time.

"Your clothes are literally falling off of you," his mom said. "And your shoes have to be hurting your feet because they are way too small!"

"But, Mom, I really hate shopping," Patrick replied. "Why do clothes have to wear out? Why can't they make them to last forever?"

"But you are still growing. You will simply outgrow them," his mom noted.

"Can't you just go without me?" Patrick asked. "I trust you to get things that I will like."

"Patrick, you simply have to understand that things wear out—cars, clothes, furniture," his mom explained. "Everything wears out! And when it does, then it's time to replace them."

"We were studying something like this in Sunday school," Patrick said. "Only God's righteousness lasts forever."

"That's right!" his mom replied. "Your clothes are worn out!"

"Okay, let's get this over with!" Patrick said with a sigh and cracking a smile.



***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****



God's salvation
never wears
out!



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! The lesson for today is a great lesson about the difference between the things here on Earth and the special things that God provides for us. Can you imagine what it would be like if God's salvation and righteousness faded over time like our earthly things do? What would that mean for believers? By knowing that God's salvation does not fade, we can be confident and sure that we have put our faith in the right place! By knowing, without a doubt, that God's salvation never fades, then we can be hopeful for a bright future during uncertain times. We can trust and not be afraid.