

GENESIS – LESSON EIGHT

I. THE CALL OF ABRAM (Genesis 12-13)

- A. Abram is called by Jehovah to leave his father's house and go to another land (12:1-3)
 - 1. God promises to make of Abram a great nation
 - 2. God promises to bless Abram with a great name
 - 3. God promises to bless all the families of the earth through Abram.
- B. Abram departs Haran at the age of 75 to enter the land of Canaan (12:4-9).
 - 1. At Shechem God promises to give the land to Abram's seed – Abram builds altar where Jehovah appears to him.
 - 2. Abram builds altar between Bethel and Ai – calls upon the name of Jehovah.
- C. Abram departs into Egypt because of a famine (12:10-20).
 - 1. Abram sets forth a deceptive plan with his fair Sarai who claims to be his sister in order to save his life before Pharaoh and the Egyptians.
 - 2. Pharaoh blesses Abram on behalf of Sarai with flocks, herds and servants.
 - 3. Jehovah plagues Pharaoh for his plan to take Sarai as wife .
 - 4. Pharaoh sends Abram away with his wife
- D. Abram returns to Canaan with Lot (13:1-13).
 - 1. Abram calls upon name of Jehovah at altar between Bethel and Ai
 - 2. Abram asks Lot to choose where he wants to settle – Lot chooses the well-watered Plain of the Jordan.
 - a. The land at Bethel and Ai could not support the abundant herds of both Abram and Lot.
 - b. Strife existed between herdsmen of Abram and Lot
 - c. Lot moved his tent as far as Sodom.
- E. Jehovah renews promise to bless Abrams seed after Lot's departure (13:14-18)
 - 1. God promises to give all the land that Abram could see in each direction to him and his seed.
 - 2. God promises to make Abram's seed as numerous as the dust of the earth.
 - 3. Abram moves his tent to Hebron – builds altar unto Jehovah.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. How does Abram demonstrate saving faith in leaving his country for another?
- 2. What all is involved in God's promise to Abram?

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3. Is our nation right in basing her foreign policy upon the promise of Jehovah to bless those who bless Abram's descendants and curse those who curse Abram's descendants?

4. How was worship manifested in Abram's life?

5. How did Abram manifest "situation ethics" in Egypt. Was he right? Or, Was he wrong?

6. Abram was a man of faith who was also _____ . Can a man be both at the same time and please God?

7. What circumstances made it wise for Abram and Lot to depart from on another?

8. What error if any did Lot make in choosing the land of the Plain to dwell in ? Can we do the same today?

9. What two promises does God renew with Abram after Lot's departure?

10. Where does Abram move his tent to dwell in Canaan?