

GENESIS 12; January 12; The Call of Abraham

ANALYSIS:

1. How did Abram not completely obey what the LORD had told him to do in v.1? _____
2. What event occurred, after which Abram left Haran and went into Canaan? _____
3. What did Abram build twice in this chapter? Why did he do this? _____
4. Why did Abram tell the Egyptians that Sarai was his sister? _____
5. Why did the LORD plague Pharaoh's house when he didn't know that Sarai was Abram's wife? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD told Abram that “in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” This blessing is the marvelous salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was the son of David, the son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1). This blessing through salvation that would come upon all families of the earth was certain because God the Father had absolutely determined that Jesus Christ would come through the line of Abram. Are you thankful, that despite the failures of the men and women in the line of Christ, God's plan for a redeemer was certain from beginning to end.

As discussed above, Abram did not fully obey the Lord in two ways in this chapter. Will we determine in our hearts this day to always obey the LORD completely and immediately? Will we determine in our hearts this day to trust in the LORD in every situation of life and not lean to our own understanding? The LORD will honor and reward those who obey him and trust in him.

Did Abram let “family ties” interfere with his prompt and complete obedience to God's voice? Are you and I tempted to let “family” keep us from fully obeying the LORD?

HELP:

1. After leaving Haran, Abram still took Lot, his nephew, with him. The LORD had told him to leave his kindred and his father's house. (v.1)
2. Abram left Haran after his father, Terah, died. (11:32)
3. Abram built two altars (vs. 7-8) and called upon the name of the LORD.
4. Abram feared that the Egyptians would want to take Sarai as a wife (she apparently was very beautiful), and would kill him as the husband so they could have her.
5. God plagued Pharaoh to keep him from committing adultery with Sarai who was Abram's wife, to restore Sarai to Abram and keep their marriage, and to rebuke Abram for his deceptive lie.