

Abraham and Sarah's Lesson

Week of Sept. 16 - 22, 2019

Introduction

Genesis is a book of beginnings. This week's lesson begins the story of God adopting one family to work His plan. Having made the world and delivered it from the depths of violence and sin, (Think Noah and the Flood) God now looks to one couple, Abraham and Sarah.

Imagine being 75 years old and a city dweller your entire life. God is now asking Abraham to begin a nomadic life. By leading this new nomadic life, God is promising Abraham many blessings. These blessings are promised, but not because Abraham did anything to deserve them. We never feel that we are good enough for God's blessings, but Abraham was not good enough either, yet he received many blessings from God.

Lesson

¹The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing

³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

⁹Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Questions

1. How is this very first experience between God and Abraham similar to everyone's experience with God throughout history.
2. Think about a time when you had to make an important decision without much information. How did you feel trying to make this decision? How did you feel about your final decision?
3. What did God call Abraham to do? How much detail did God provide?
4. Did Abraham hear or see God, or receive an impression of God in his heart?
5. Why do you think God did not immediately disclose to Abraham what his destination would be?
6. How can you relate to Abraham's calling?

Prayer

Thank you God for helping us to know you in the everyday things of life. I am sorry for the times that I ignore your presence and choose to travel my own path. I pray that you will brighten my life by YOUR presence. In Your name I pray, Amen.