

Day 23: Genesis 12:1-9: The Call of Abram



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The LORD said: initial call came before Abram lived in Haran (Acts 7:2- 5); the LORD chose Abram (Neh. 9:6-8); about 2090 B.C.

Two Commands:

- 1. Go from:** country, kindred, father's house to the land that I will show you
- 2. Be a blessing (God's purpose)**

Three promises:

- 1. Great nation:** *Hebrew: goy*. both the territory and people; and ultimately a heavenly city (Heb. 11:8-10)
- 2. Blessing for Abram**
- 3. Make your name great:** compare to tower builders of Gen. 11:4

To bless or curse Abram is to bless or curse Abram's God:

- 1. God will bless those who bless Abram**
- 2. God will curse him who dishonors Abram:** those who treat lightly, disrespect, or harm Abram
- 3. In Abram all the families of the earth shall be blessed:** ultimately through his descendant, Jesus Christ: Gal. 3:14; Rom. 15:8-9

Abram went: took God at his word; faith leads to obedience; called God's friend; manifested loyalty to God: Isa. 41:8

The LORD appeared to Abram: to your offspring I will give this land

Abram's response: built an altar to the LORD, called upon the name of the LORD

Assignment:

In what ways does Abram demonstrate faith in God's Word despite his circumstances?

Can you think of recent examples in the world where God is still blessing those who bless Abram and his descendants, and cursing those who curse them?

Read Phil. 2:12-16. How has God blessed you in Christ to be a blessing?