

Begin Again!

Wherever He Leads I'll go!

A Study of the Book of Genesis – Part 18

Genesis 12:1-8 (NKJV)

1. The Promise on which he Rested!

Genesis 12:1 (NKJV)

1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you."

A. Abraham was a Converted Man.

Genesis 11:27-28 (NKJV) 27 This *is* the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

Joshua 24:2 (NKJV) 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Your fathers, *including* Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods.'"

Genesis 11:31 (NKJV) 31 And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there.

B. Abraham was a Called Man.

Genesis 12:1 (NKJV)

1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you."

C. Abraham was a Committed Man.

Genesis 12:1-5 (NKJV)

1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you."

Genesis 12:2-5 (NKJV) 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan.

Hebrews 11:8 (NKJV) 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

2. The Tent in which he Resided!

Genesis 12:6-8 (NKJV)

6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites *were* then in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he 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.

Genesis 13:3 (NKJV) 3 And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

Genesis 18:1 (NKJV) 1 Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.

Hebrews 11:9 (NKJV) 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

A. He was Living in a Temporary residence.

Hebrews 11:9,13 (NKJV)

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; . . . 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

B. He was Longing for a Permanent Residence.

Hebrews 11:9-10 (NKJV)

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Hebrews 11:13-14 (NKJV) 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.

Philippians 3:20 (NKJV) 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Colossians 3:1-2 (NKJV) 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3. The Altar to which he Retreated!

Genesis 12:7-8 (NKJV)

7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he 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.

Genesis 13:3-4 (NKJV) 3 And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

A. The Altar was a Place of Reverence.

B. The Altar was a Place of Restoration.