

# God's (surprisingly small) Solution to Our (really big) Problem

Genesis 11:27-12:20

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## I. God's Magnificent Promise

A. Undeserved (11:27-32)

B. Three-fold Dimension, Five-fold Repetition

1. People (12:1-2a)

2. Blessing (12:2b-3)

3. Place (12:1, 7)

C. Response of Faith

1. Obedience (vv. 4-5a)

2. Worship (vv. 5b-7)

3. Dependence (vv. 8-9)

## II. God's Immovable Purposes

A. God curses Pharaoh (v. 3, v. 17) and blesses Abram in spite of Abram's cowardice and unbelief (vv. 10-20).

B. Though Abram wavers, God does not. God's promise is immovable, and his purposes cannot be thwarted!

1. The God who promises will provide that this blessing may be known among all the nations.

Galatians 3:28-29 | "28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

2. The salvation of the Gentiles is proof that God's promise to Abram is now fulfilled in Christ and His New Covenant people.

Matthew 1:1 | "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."

Galatians 3:7-9 | "7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'In you shall all the nations be blessed.' 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

3. Jesus succeeds where Adam, Abram, and all the rest of us failed.

Galatians 3:13-14 | "13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree'— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."

## **Benediction**

Psalm 72:18-19 | "18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!"