

ABRAHAM

Call, Covenant, Land

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The call...

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you"...So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. (Gen. 12:1, 4)

(Obedience) Who calls my shots?

♀ Abraham's half-way obedience? – "The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran...So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living." (Acts 7:2, 4)

The covenant...

"I will...I will...I will...you will...I will...I will...(they) will..." (Gen. 12:2-3)

- Personal blessing – "...and I will bless you; I will make your name great..." (v. 2)

The Hittites replied to Abraham, "Sir, listen to us. You are a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs." (Gen. 23:5-6)

- National blessing – "I will make you into a great nation..." (v. 2)
- Global blessing – "...and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (vv. 2-3)

The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (Gal. 3:8-9)

(Purpose) What am I living for?

The land...

The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." (Gen. 12:7a)

"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates – the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites." (Gen. 15:18-21)

So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. (Gen. 12:7b)

(Worship) – How do I respond?