

Digging Deeper

Discovery Bible Study

“From God’s Command to Covenant Promise”

Genesis 12:1-9 / 15:1-21

Additional Notes

How would you describe what Abram/Abraham experienced in Genesis 12:1? Give it a name. Can you think of others who have had a similar experience in the Bible? What was Abram’s/Abraham’s response? How about the response of others?

1. God’s Command

What was Abram/Abraham directed to leave?

His _____

His _____

His _____

Where was he directed to go?

A place _____.

2. God’s Promise

What was God’s assurance – His promise? (Notice the “I will” statements in 12:2-3)

- ✓ _____ – “I will make of you a great nation”
- ✓ _____ – “I will make your name great!” (Compare this with Genesis 11:1-4)
- ✓ _____ – 12:3a An important principle for all time!
- ✓ _____ – Not only a recipient of blessing but also a channel of blessing to others!
- ✓ The climax? “_____ blessed through you/Abram!”

3. Abram’s Challenge

What do you think were some of challenges Abram faced to obeying God’s call/direction (i.e. the situation)? See if you get the same ones I did...

4. Abram’s Compliance

“So Abram went _____.” (Read 12:4-9)

We probably need to pause right here and define “faith” – Abram exhibited “faith”...

Additional Notes

“Faith is confidence in God... trusting His character, believing and obeying His word, embracing His promises, following His leadership, drawing upon his encouragement and strength.” – L. Bartel

“ _____ ” – A favorite term of Paul bracketing Romans (1:1-6; 16:25-27)

Faith _____ – faith _____!

The promise reiterated and reinforced – 12:7a

The worship – 12:7b, 8b “He built _____ and called upon the name of the Lord!”

5. God’s Covenant

“After these things” (15:1) must refer to the harrowing experiences Abram experience in _____.

God provides the “ _____ ” in Abram’s journey of faith!

God was Abram’s “ _____ ” (not his “army of servants” – 318 of them) and _____ was not the king of Sodom and the booty of the battle he offered.

But Abram raises the question of he and Sarai’s childlessness (15:2-3) Would Abram resort to _____ to fulfill God’s promise? God clarifies His intention for the promise’s fulfillment (15:4-5)

And a key concept – and a key verse in all of Scripture! (15:6 cp. Romans 4:1ff and Galatians 3:7ff) Note: The Hebrew word translated “believed” is the source of the word “ _____ !” in Scripture. Whenever one truly believes what God has promised, he is also saying the “ _____ !” to it!

God “cuts a covenant” with Abraham regarding His promise! (15:7-21) In a solemn ceremony that usually required both covenanting parties to seal the covenant by walking between the parted sacrificial animals, _____ (represented by the smoking fire pot and the flaming torch) passes between the animals!

God’s prophesied word would be fulfilled one day _____! “Know for _____...” (12:13-16, 18)

My Response

God’s promises to you _____ with “believing God” – It is your key to “ _____ with God!”

But it doesn’t end there... it only _____ there! After that initial belief it is a “ _____ ” – Faith every day, all the way!

When you hear God’s “Go” – and I will...” What will your answer be – your response?