

GOD'S CALL TO ABRAM

Genesis 12:1-13:4 (11:27-32)

Lesson 6

Key verse: 12:2

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;
I will make your name great and you will be a blessing."

* ABRAM'S FAMILY (11:27-32)

1. Describe Abram's family. What was his problem? Where was his original home? To where did he move? (Compare Acts 7:2-4; Josh 24:2,3)

* GOD'S CALL; ABRAM'S RESPONSE (12:1-9)

2. According to God's call, what was Abram to leave and where was he to go? Think of what was involved in leaving; in going to an unknown place. Why was it necessary for him to leave his past life in order to receive God's blessing?
3. What did God promise Abram? How did his present condition make this a difficult promise to believe? Think about each part of the promise. What does it mean that "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you"?

4. What was Abram's response? What do the words, "as the Lord had told him" suggest about Abram's faith?
 5. Where did Abram and his family go? Who was Lot and what was his relationship to Abram?
 6. When Abram arrived in Canaan what did he find? What additional promise did God make? What was Abram's response? What did this mean (7)?
 7. What other altar did Abram build? (8; 13:3,4) What might be the significance of this altar?
- * ABRAM IN EGYPT (10-20; 13:1-4)
8. Why did Abram go to Egypt? Compare his motives in going to Egypt with his motives in going to Canaan.
 9. What plan did he make before entering Egypt? Why did he make such a plan? What verses show how the plan worked out? Contrast his life in Egypt with his life in Canaan. Why didn't he build altars in Egypt?
 10. How did God protect Abram's family? Why did Pharaoh rebuke him

and send him away? What can we learn here about God? About the weaknesses in men of faith?

11. Read 13:1-4. How did Abram show his repentance? What can you learn here?