

GENESIS 12-13

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"THE CALLING OF GOD"

the working of God in the life of a believer

INTRODUCTION;

From Genesis chapter 1 to Genesis 11 the Bible deals;

- *From humanity to a family*

From Genesis 11 to the end it deals with

- *A family to person = Joseph as a type of Jesus Christ*

From Exodus to Revelation

- *A nationality to*
- *A spiritual heritage, an offspring of God as many as Our God shall call*

In Chapters 12 & 13

Name: Abram,

Born: 2165 BC

- *Exalted Father of a heathen, non-believing family. Abram was gentile*

Place: Ur

- *Located about 200 miles SE of Bagdad, very near the Persian Gulf*

archology Ur of the Chaldees (Mesopotamia), pagan worship, very wealth (Hot Tubs Cal-d-spas)

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(Lifestyles of the Righteous and Faithful)

Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. ⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

***Abram believed God
Believing the promises***

We see in Abram the life of the believer, ourselves

Abraham believed God, like us (RIGHT)

When we read and study we come across tremendous **promises** and wonderful **pledges** *by* God & *from* God like....

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope.

**We would never admit to NOT believing God's promises
(We're believers after all)**

But

**We can always believe them for someone else
but do you believe them for you. We should;**

(Who is the most important person in your life, in the world)

Then believe God

The Calling of God
Produces:

Separation

Separation is always necessary for blessing

Verse 1

The Lord said;
" Get out "

Isaiah 51:1-2

Hearken to me, you that follow after righteousness, you that seek the LORD: look to the rock from where you are hewn, and to the hole of the pit where you have been dug. ²

Look to Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bore you: for I called him **alone**, and blessed him, and increased him.

2 Corinthians 6:17

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

The Lord will Call us out;

1 Kings. 8:53a

For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth,

Take notice of the itinerary...

" **you** start moving and **I'll** start telling"

We are a **show & tell** kind of people

God is a **Go & tell** kind of God

Jack,

- How did you know *to move from Costa Mesa to Chino Hills?*

- How did you know *that the Lord would bless the fellowship ?*

Hebrew 11:8 JHV

By faith **Jack**, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an escrow,
obeyed; and he went out,
not knowing where he was going.

Pastor Chuck Smith;

" I've never known God to guide a stationary object "

How do you know....

has God asked you to step out, to get out?

Get out

Verse 4

The Calling of God

Requires:

Obedience

The human response to the Call;

He went in the "the confidence of faith" (verses 2&3)

"the obedience of faith" (verse 4-6)

Separation *often requires the departure of family*
often requires the departure of homeland

Separation *always requires the forsaking of sin*

Separation

"The nearer to heaven, the steeper the mountain"

- Griffith Thomas

- Separation (Gods part)
 - Obedience (man's part)
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Sanctification.

VERSES 6-9

Verse 7 the influence of faith

" Then the Lord appeared to Abram "

The New believer "jump start"
....He's not only talking to them, it seems like He's using a bullhorn

A.) **How** *does God do this;*

His redemptive call (General Call) to the world

Ezekiel 33:11

I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye,
turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die,

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love:
therefore with lovingkindness *have I drawn thee.*

Drawn **HEB 4900 māšak**
to develop, to form

John 6:44a

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me

Draw him: (by grace) and I will raise him up at the last day(by grace).

Draw **GRK 1670 helkō**
to coil or wrap: fold up.

B.) **Why** *does God do this*

Ephesians 2:7

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

C.) **When** *does God do this;*

D.) **Where** *does God do this;*

and finally,

E.) **To whom** *does God do this;*

"Gods election excludes no one; Jesus atonement includes everyone "

God desires a relationship with you ...Even those who reject Him

2 Peter 2:1

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, *even denying the Lord that bought them*, and bring upon *themselves* swift destruction.

General Call:

Effective Call: (Abrahams calling, our calling)

Verse 8

Bethel = house of God (west)

Abram dwelt between the two like you do

Ai = heap of ruin (east)

THAT'S WHERE WE ARE TONIGHT

VERSE 10-20

Going DOWN to Egypt, the *believer goes back to the world*

NOTE:

There are trials in the land of promise....

He fails in the trial of famine, testing and runs **to the world**

Remember,

- Trials are from God
- Temptations are not

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

If you don't know where to go, don't go anywhere

Verse 13

Let's tell a lie to protect my assets (note Sarai's submission;)

1 Peter 3:6

Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Verse 16

God *protected* Sarai and *prospered* Abram even in Abram's "jerkiness"

Verse 17

But God was then put in a bind. Needing now to curse rather than bless

Remembering

Genesis 12:2

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; *and thou shalt be a blessing:*

Hey, I'm supposed to be a blessing
But if I'm lying to save my own skin, compromising to keep my life...

CHAPTER 13

VERSE 1-4

Verse 1

Getting up, out of Egypt

GOD DID NOT SPEAK IN EGYPT

Verse 3

Returning to the Lord, to the alter

Revelation 2:4-5

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the *first works*, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

"Repent, Return and Repeat"

VERSE 5-18

Abram now wiser because of his blunder.

Now showing;

•*maturity,*

•*integrity,*

•*his faith again begins to shine*

Verse 8

We are brothers striving with each other

Fighting with each other

Besides, the Canaanites & Perizzites are watching our witness

Parasites will always be on you and around you
Sin sniffing & Fault finding

Interestingly enough;

Lot is Altarless. no devotional life

- Are you altar builder • Altar & tent = a pilgrim & a worshipper

The results of a *zero devotional life*,
wrong decisions

Verse 10

" Lot lifted up his eyes"

Question;

Where was he looking prior to this (himself)
Looks good to me, feels go to me, smells good to me
carnal desires

Verses 14-18

His work in separation and sanctification
His Promises

Inclosing;

All of His working has made us accepted in Him:

- Redeemed

Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

- Reconciled

II Corinthians 5:19-21

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- **Forgiven**

Romans 3:25

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

- **Delivered**

Colossians 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

- **Accepted**

Ephesians 1:6

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

- **Justified**

Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

- **Glorified**

Romans 8:30

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified