

Genesis 12:1-3

Blessedness for All through Abraham

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Introduction:

1. God had promised that the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent and the enemy of man would be defeated (Genesis 3:15).
2. For the next 2,000 years that promise remained unfulfilled.
3. The world grew increasingly wicked and was destroyed by God with the Flood.
4. As man began to repopulate the Earth, God returned to His promise with the call of Abraham.

I. THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

- A. While living in Ur of the Chaldees, Abram was called by God to leave that land (Acts 7:2-4).
- B. Abraham was to be separated from:
 1. His country - *the land of Ur*
 2. His kindred - *extended family or tribe*
 3. His father's house - *immediate family* (cf. Luke 14:26-33; 2 Corinthians 6:17)
- C. Abraham was to follow God by faith - trust joined with obedience (cf. Hebrews 11:8).
- D. Thus, his life became an illustration of true faith (cf. Romans 4).

II. THE PROMISE OF GOD

- A. **Land Promise** - God promised the land of Canaan as a home for Abraham's descendants (cf. Genesis 15:7, 18).
 1. This promise was fulfilled (Joshua 21:43-45; Psalm 44:3; 1 Kings 4:21).
 2. This promise was conditional (Deuteronomy 28:63-64).
- B. **Nation Promise** - God promised to make a great nation of Abraham's descendants (cf. Genesis 13:16; 18:18).
 1. This promise was fulfilled in Egypt (Genesis 46:3; Exodus 1:7).
 2. This promise was fulfilled at Sinai (Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 4:5-8).
- C. **Blessing Promise** - God promised to bless all mankind through Abraham's seed (cf. Genesis 22:18; 26:4).

III. THE PROPHECY OF JESUS

- A. The promise of blessing was made through Abraham's seed.
- B. This was a reference to one individual, the same seed that would crush the head of the serpent (cf. Genesis 3:15).
- C. This was a prophecy about Jesus (Acts 3:25-26; Galatians 3:16)!
 1. Jesus allows all to become the descendants of Abraham (Galatians 3:26-29).
 2. Thus, anyone may become one of God's blessed through the blood of Jesus!