

all the nations be blessed.”<sup>9</sup> So then, those who are *of faith* are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

- A. We Like Abram are Saved by God’s Grace
- B. We are Brought to Faith by God’s Word
- C. God Has been Gentle & Patient
- D. Worship Grows out of Faith



Genesis 11:27-13:18  
*The Call & Promises of God*  
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Sermon Outline

Notes

## I. Introduction

### Hebrews 11:1

Now **faith** is the assurance of things *hoped for*, the conviction of things *not seen*.

- A. The Curse of the Serpent (Genesis 3:15)
- B. Rainbow (Genesis 8:20-22; 9:9-17)
- C. Real Evidence & Science

Faith – “A commitment to belief contrary to evidence and reason” (**Against All God’s**, A. C. Graeling?. cited by Mark Devor)

### Key Idea

Biblical faith is built upon the rock solid foundation of the *revealed* goodness of God.

## II. Everyone is Given to False Worship (11:27-32)

- A. Terah’s Family Tree (Idolaters – Ur; Laban & Rachel Gen. 31:19; Joshua 24:2)

### Titus 3:4-6

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> **he saved us**, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior...

- B. Left for Canaan but got stuck in Haran (31)
- C. Sarai was barren (30)

## III. God Given Biblical Faith (12:1-9)

- A. A Clear Authoritative Call

### Genesis 12:1

Now **the Lord had said to Abram**, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to *the land that I will show you*.”

#### B. A Gracious Promise

### Genesis 12:2-3

<sup>2</sup> And **I will** make of you a great nation, and **I will** bless you and make your name great, **so that you will be a blessing**. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

#### C. Learning Faith & Worship

### Genesis 12:4-8

<sup>4</sup> **So Abram went**, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was *seventy-five* years old when he departed from Haran. (Acts 7:2-4) <sup>5</sup> ...When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, **“To your offspring I will give this land.”** So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.

#### IV. Abram and Sarai in Egypt (12:10-20)

##### A. Faith Tested

A papyrus document from ancient Egypt does indeed tell of a pharaoh who had a beautiful woman brought to his court after murdering her husband... (*New Defenders Study Bible*)

##### B. Faith Taught (1 Peter 1:6-7)

#### V. Abram and Lot Separate (13:1-13)

### Genesis 13:4b

...Abram called upon the name of the LORD.

##### A. The Blessing of God (2, 5)

##### B. Lot Chose to Live by Sight

### Genesis 13:10

And Lot lifted up **his eyes** and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere *like the garden of the LORD*, *like the land of Egypt*, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

##### C. Abram was Learning to Live by Faith

### Hebrews 11:8-9a

<sup>8</sup> **By faith** Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> **By faith** he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land...

#### VI. The Lord Knows Our Hearts (13:14-18)

### Genesis 13:14-18

<sup>14</sup> The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, <sup>15</sup> for all the *land* that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. <sup>16</sup> **I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth**, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. <sup>17</sup> Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.” <sup>18</sup> So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there **he built an altar to the LORD**.

#### VII. Those Who Believe in Jesus are “Sons of Abraham”

### Galatians 3:7-9

<sup>7</sup> Know then that it is *those of faith* who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles *by faith*, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “*In you shall*