

Lesson 11: ABRAM'S CALL

GENESIS 11:27 - 12:20

Abram was a descendant of Shem, one of Noah's sons. He lived in the great city of Ur of the Chaldees. Ur was wealthy, and sophisticated city with temples, and a great library containing thousands of clay tablets.

Abram was the son of Terah, he had two brothers, Haran and Nahor. Haran died in the land of Ur. Abram and Nahor both married. Abram's wife was Sarai, and Nahor's wife was Milcah. Abraham and Sarai had no children.

Terah the father of Abram took his family and left Ur of the Chaldees to go to Canaan, but Terah only went as far as Haran and there he settled.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, and family, and go to a land that I will show you. I will make a great nation of you, and I will bless you, and will make your name great and will make you a blessing to others. I will bless those that bless you and curse those that curse you. Through you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Today there are many people that hate the Jewish people and nation of Israel, but they are bringing the curse of God upon themselves for it. God has not changed his mind about his promise to Abram. He will continue to bless those that bless Abram's descendants. And curse those that curse them. We should all have a special love for the Jewish people because it is God's command, and because our Lord Jesus came to us through them.

Abram obeyed God. He left the life that he knew, his home, his city, and most of all his family. Lot, the son of his brother Haran also left Haran with Abram. When he left Haran Abram was seventy five years old.

Abram took his wife Sarai, and all that they possessed along with them when they left the city and headed for Canaan.

When he obeyed God and left Haran, the Lord appeared to Abram and told him, "I give this land to your descendants." Abram built an altar at the place and worshipped the Lord. Then he moved to a mountain east of Bethel, built an altar to the Lord and moved on again.

Abram continued his travels towards thee south. At this time there was famine in the land. Abram went down into Egypt to wait out the famine for it was a terrible famine. When he got near Egypt he said to Sarai his wife. "I know that you are a beautiful women. When the Egyptians see you they will kill me if they think that you are my wife, for they will want you, so tell them that you are my sister. You are my half-sister, and by saying this you will save my life."

Abram forgot to trust God's protection. He left fear of the situation overwhelm him and lead him into sin. He trusted in his own thinking to protect his life. Abram, a follower of God lied and prompted his wife to lie also.

When the Egyptians saw Sarai, they were indeed impressed with her beauty. They told Pharaoh all about her, and Pharaoh took her for one of his wives. Pharaoh gave Abram great wealth in exchange for Sarai, for he thought that Sarai was Abram's sister. Pharaoh gave Abram sheep, oxen, asses, menservants, and maid servants, and camels.

Now Abram had all these things, but he did not have his wife. What a mess he had made of things.

But the Lord had not forgotten Abram, and he was watching out for Abram even though Abram had forgotten to trust God for a while. The Lord plagued Pharaoh and his home with a plague because he had taken Sarai.

Then Pharaoh called for Abram and said, "What didn't you tell me that Sarai was our wife? Why did you say she is your sister? So I might have taken your wife for my own. Now go away, and take your wife with you."

Then Pharaoh commanded his men about Abram, and they sent him away, along with Sarai and all they had.

How often we are like Abram. We become fearful of a situation, and even break God's law in order to try to fix things ourselves. All we really do is complicate things and make a mess of our lives. How much better it is to turn to the Lord when we are afraid, and seek wisdom and protection. He never makes a mess, and he is always willing to help us.

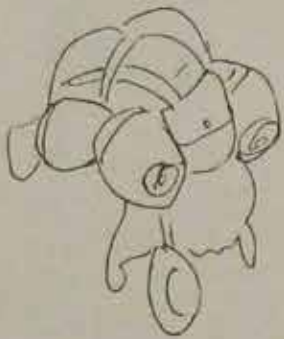
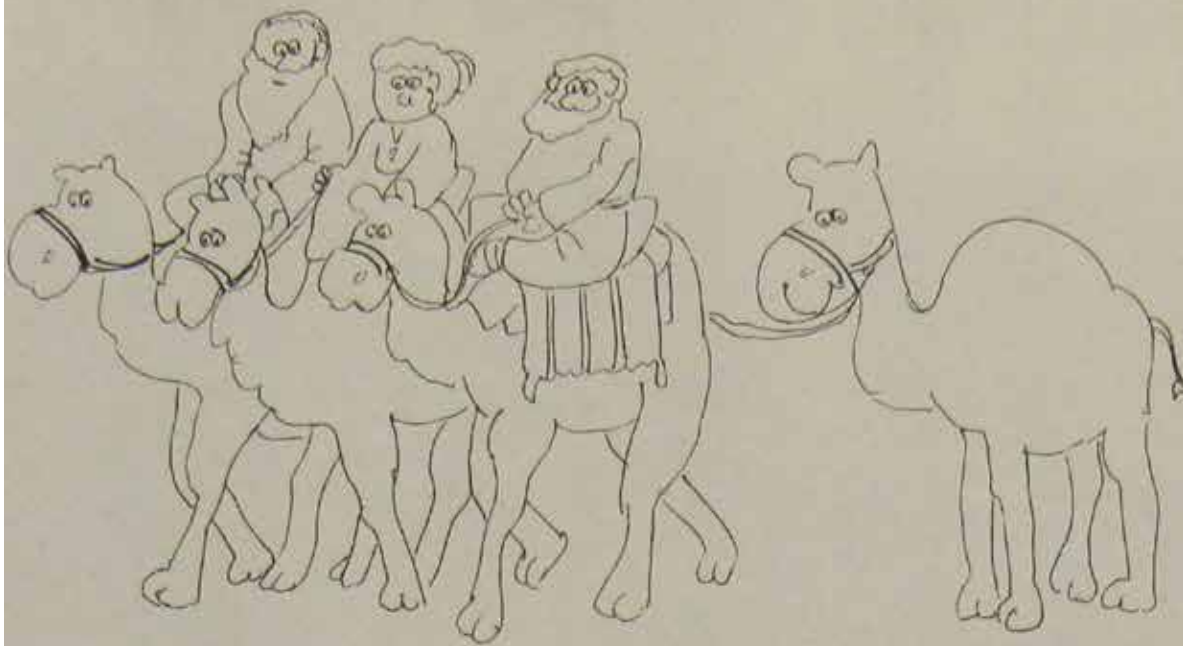
PRINCIPLES:

Do not let fear lead you into sin, but trust the Lord and ask for his guidance and help.

LEARN:

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Proverbs 29:25





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2. Color Abram, Sarai, Lot, camels + baggage -
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Paste on scene.
3. Make your own baggage and paste on cam
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