



New Covenant

Presbyterian Church

“BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT”

GENESIS 13

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*“I gave up nothing; I received everything. I count it the highest honor that God confers on any man to call him to herald the gospel.” -
Martin Lloyd Jones*

A. ABRAM WORSHIPS THE GOD OF PROMISE

1. GOD CALLED ABRAM—WHO WAS A WEALTHY MAN—TO TRUST HIM BY CALLING HIM OUT OF EGYPT AND LEADING HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO THE PROMISED LAND.
2. ABRAM DOES NOT TRUST IN HIS WEALTH. INSTEAD HE CONTINUALLY RETURNS TO THE ALTAR OF THE LORD, SHOWING HIS MAIN COMMITMENT IS TO WORSHIP GOD.
3. *APPLICATION: DO YOU TRUST GOD OR YOUR WEALTH? ARE YOU A WORSHIPPER OF GOD? IS WORSHIP YOUR MAIN COMMITMENT?*

“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.” - (Hebrews 11:8)

B. ABRAM HAS TO LEARN TO TRUST THE GOD OF PROMISE.

1. GOD TEACHES ABRAM TO TRUST HIM BY SENDING TRIAL AFTER TRIAL (I.E. DIVISION AND QUARRELS AMONGST THE HERDSMAN OF LOT’S LIVESTOCK AND THE HERDSMAN OF ABRAM’S LIVESTOCK, CAANANITES AND PERIZZITES ARE DWELLING IN THE LAND, WEALTH BRINGS PROBLEMS, ETC.).
2. ABRAM LIVES BY FAITH IN THE GOD OF PROMISE IN A WICKED WORLD. LOT LIVES BY SIGHT. WE SHOULD STRIVE TO LIVE LIKE ABRAM, NOT LIKE LOT.
3. ABRAM DOES THE GODLY THING AND DEFERS WHEN HE AND LOT NEED TO SEPARATE AND DECIDE WHERE TO DWELL.
4. LOT IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BETTER, JOURNEYS EAST AND WALKS BY SIGHT.
5. *APPLICATION: THE WORLD IS WATCHING. WE SHOULD TAKE THE LOWEST PLACE. DO YOU DEFER OR DEMAND? ARE YOUR DECISIONS DRIVEN BY A DESIRE TO PLEASE THE LORD OR ARE THEY DRIVEN BY A DESIRE TO PLEASE YOURSELF?*
6. GOD’S HAND OF PROVIDENCE IS REVEALED IN SEPARATING ABRAM OUT, FORESHADOWING THE SEPARATING OF THE LORD JESUS.

“JUST AS ABRAHAM SUFFERED A DEATH (GEN 12-13), RESURRECTION (GEN. 14) AND INTERCEDED FOR HIS BRETHREN (GEN. 19) SO ALSO THE SON OF ABRAHAM.” - NICK BATZIG

C. ABRAM’S FAITH IS STRENGTHENED BY PROMISE.

1. GOD RESTORES US WITH HIS WORD AND ENCOURAGES US IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS.
2. WE HAVE INHERITED EVERYTHING IN CHRIST.
3. IF WE ARE CHRIST’S, THEN WE ARE ABRAHAM’S.
4. ABRAM WAS PROBABLY DOWNCAST, BUT HE CHOSE TO WORSHIP. CONTINUAL WORSHIP MARKS THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN.
5. *APPLICATION: ARE YOU BEING STRENGTHENED? DO YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORSHIP THE LORD EVEN IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS? ARE YOU TRUSTING THE SON OF ABRAHAM—I.E. JESUS CHRIST—AND RESTING IN HIM ALONE FOR SALVATION?*