

Study Questions, Lesson 3 Genesis 12-14; 18,19 / Key Verse: 12:2

GOD CALLED ABRAHAM

1. Read 11:27-32;12:1-9;Joshua 24:2. What do we learn in these verses about Abram's family? What was his life problem? What did God command Abram to do? Why was it necessary for him to leave his familiar, secure environment? What can we learn from him?
2. Read 12:2-3,7. How did God bless Abram? What did God promise him? What is the meaning of each promise? How did Abram show his faith in God's promises? What was the basis of Abram's faith? What did it mean to build altars in Canaan? What did each one mean?
3. Read 12:10-20. How was Abram's motive for going to Egypt different from his motive in going to Canaan? What was his human plan to survive in Egypt? What resulted from it? Compare Abram's life in Egypt with his life in Canaan. How did God help him?
4. Read 13:1-7. When he came out of Egypt, what was his material situation? How did he make a new beginning? What problem arose because of his great wealth? What did Abram do? (8,9) How had his attitude toward material things changed?
5. What was Lot's motive in choosing to live near Sodom? What kind of place was Sodom? (13:10,13; 18:20,21; 19:4-11) How did God comfort Abram after Lot took the best land and left? (13:14-18) Read 14:1-12. What can you learn here about the times of Abram? What happened to Lot?
6. Read 14:13-16. What did Abram do? What can we learn about him? Read 14:17-24. Who was Melchi-zedek? (cf. Heb 7:1-3) How did he greet Abram? Why did Abram refuse the offer of the king of Sodom? What did he believe about God's blessings and material things?
7. Read 18:1-8. Describe Abraham's attitude toward and hospitality to his unexpected guests. Read 18:9-15. What good news did the Lord give Abraham and Sarah? (18:10) What was Sarah's response? What kind of faith did the Lord want to plant in her? Why did she need this faith?
8. Read 18:16-21. How does God reveal that Abraham is his friend? (Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23; in 15:14-16) Why (did God tell Abraham what he was going to do? (17-19) Read 18:22-33. What can you learn from the intercessory prayer of Abraham? What were the results of his prayer? (19:29)
9. Read 19:1-11. Compare and contrast Lot's hospitality to the guests with that of Abraham. How did the mob reveal the sinfulness of Sodom? What did the people of Sodom think of Lot? Why? Read 19:12-26. Why did Lot hesitate to leave? Why did his wife look back? What happened to her?

10. What happened to Sodom? How did God show mercy to Lot? Why? (19: 29) Read 19:30-38. Describe the last recorded days of Lot. Abraham and Lot started out together. Why did Lot end up so miserably and Abraham so joyfully, with God's blessing? (21:6,7)