



Sunday School Lesson

September 3, 2023

Blessing for All Nations

Genesis 12:1-9

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Questions for Us Today

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Have you heard a call from the Lord?

If so, how have you responded?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand God's Call of Abram and how this man became the "father of faith."

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Abraham

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Abraham

Abraham's original name was Abram. The Lord changed it. Genesis 17:5. Abram means "father is exalted." Abraham means "father of a multitude."

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Abraham (a son of Terah) is regarded as the patriarch of the world's three major religions: Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Points of Information – Abraham

An elderly Abraham (100 years old) and his wife Sarah had just one son, Isaac. Genesis 21:1-3, 5.

Points of Information – Abraham

Abraham had his faith tested by God, when the Lord directed him to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham took Isaac up on a mountain and – with a sword in his hand – was ready to fully comply with the Lord’s command to slay his son. That is when Our Heavenly Father provided a “ram in the bush” to serve as the sacrifice and to eliminate the need for Abraham to kill Isaac. Genesis 22:1-13. This story is also told in Hebrews 11:17-19.

Points of Information – Abraham

As Matthew provided the genealogy of Jesus, initially and primarily for an audience of Jewish readers, he showed how Christ descended on earth from the line of Abraham.
Matthew 1:1, 2.

Points of Information – Abraham

James (a half-brother of Jesus) noted that Abraham had received one of the highest honors of all time. This primary patriarch was referred to as a “Friend of God.” James 2:23.

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In the earlier Chapters of the Book of Genesis, stories are told of the creation, the great flood and the Tower of Babel.

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Lesson Context - 2

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Now, in Chapter 12, we see the beginning of the story of Abraham, as God calls Abram.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

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Genesis 12:1-3

God's Call for a Blessed Nation

Genesis 12:1 (NLT)

The LORD had said to Abram
“Leave your native country, your
relatives, and your father’s
family, and go to the land that I
will show you.

Genesis 12:2-3

I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

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Text – UMI Outline #2

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Genesis 12:4-6

Abram's Response to God's Call

Genesis 12:4-5

So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew, Lot, and all his wealth – his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran – and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan,

Genesis 12:6

Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

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Text – UMI Outline #3

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Genesis 12:7

God's Promise of Generational Blessings

Genesis 12:7

Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the LORD, Who had appeared to him.

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Text – UMI Outline #4

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Genesis 12:8-9

God's Call for a Blessed Nation

Genesis 12:8-9

After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the LORD, and he worshipped the LORD.

Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

Remember these things:

Let us never forget to remember and to commemorate the blessings of the Lord.

Let us strive to be a blessing to others, as the Lord would have us to do.

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