

WORD

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Genesis 12:1-3

WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

God initiated a covenant or a relationship of commitment with Abraham for him to become a source of blessing for the rest of humanity. In what He told Abraham, He repeatedly mentioned the word “bless” to emphasize the hope that through Abraham, people may experience God’s favor, reversing the curses that humanity suffered because of sin (Genesis 3-11). Let us see how God’s promise of blessing to Abraham applies to us today.

- **God invites us to trust in Him alone.**

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God’s invitation to Abram challenged him to abandon his source of identity and security and go to a place where the only person he can trust is God. However, had Abram refused God, he would not have seen the promises of the covenant come to pass (Genesis 12:4; Hebrews 11:8). God’s call is the same for us today, inviting us to trust in Him alone and no longer on things or people we look to for our needs. How did you respond to this invitation? Why did you follow God?

- **God offers us security and a legacy.**

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Genesis 12:2,3

“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

Genesis 17:7

God’s promises to Abram covered everything he needed and more. Sarai, his wife, was barren and they have long been waiting for a child but then God promised to make him into a “great nation,” blessing him and his lineage with an everlasting covenant to be His people (Genesis 17:7). What does Hebrews 11:9-12 say about this promise today?

- **God blesses us so we can be a blessing.**

²“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. ³I 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.”

Genesis 12:2,3, ESV

Not only did God bless Abraham and his family, His covenant was meant to bless the whole nation of Israel and even extending it to the Gentiles, making everyone who will put their trust in Jesus “Abraham’s seed” (Galatians 3:29). Having experienced God’s blessing, how can we pass this blessing to more people?

SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- What things or people do you think you have been depending on for security and identity? Why do you say so?
- What do you think of James 4:6 in light of the covenant God offers us?
- How have you been blessed, and how can you be a blessing to the people around you?

NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- Have you accepted God’s invitation of blessing for you? From this lesson, what have you learned about how we can access this promise of blessing? How will you apply it in your life?
- What decisions can you make today to receive and live according to God’s promises of security and legacy?
- What step can you take to start telling other people about Jesus and how He wants to meet their greatest need?