

ABRAHAM: God of Promise & Life of Faith

Lesson Two • Genesis 12:4-9
Stepping Out in Faith

The Life of Faith

Abraham's life of faith is characterized by two things:
pitching his TENT and building his ALTAR.

Abraham's tent is a symbol of his pilgrimage in the world
and Abraham's altar is a sign of his dependence on the Lord.

Stepping Out in Faith

1. The Life of Faith Is Lived as a SOJOURNER in the World!

A Life of Faith

- OBEDIENCE is the response of faith when God calls us out of the world (vs. 4).
- SEPARATION is the result of faith when God calls us to leave the world (vs. 4).

Abraham's Journey

Abraham set out to GO to the land of Canaan as a sojourner despite the obstacles and opposition (vs. 4-6).



2. The Life of Faith Is Lived as a WORSHIPER before the Lord!

A Life of Worship

- God's appearance to Abraham is a CONFIRMATION of his faith (vs. 7).
- Abraham's altar before God is a CONFESSION of his faith (vs. 7).

Abraham's Altar

The altar represents a place of WORSHIP in the world and a place of WITNESS to the world (vs. 8-9).

The Paradox of Abraham's Life

Abraham's life is now a paradox of PERMANENCE and PILGRIMAGE as he follows the Lord by faith.

Pitching Tents and Building Altars

- What is your life characterized by: the temporal things of this world or the eternal things of God?
- Where do you seek permanence in life: in the worship of the eternal God or in the passing-away circumstances and possessions of this world?