

GOD'S GLORIOUS PROVISION

Proclamation Life Groups; Genesis 12:10-13:18; Week of Sunday, May 14, 2017; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: Despite our lack of faith, unbelief, and instinctive desire to trust our own efforts in the midst of trials; God not only protects us from the consequences of our own sin, He graciously provides abundant blessings.

I. PROMISES PROTECTED – (Genesis 12:10-13:4)

- A. Why does Abram travel to Egypt and what plan does he put in place for his trip?
- B. In what ways are God's promises to Abram jeopardized in Genesis 12:10-15? Do you think Abram's actions were sinful? Why or why not? How is Genesis 20:13 helpful?
- C. How does God protect His promise? Does this remind you of any other stories in the bible?
- D. As you think of Genesis 13:1-4, how does God abundantly bless despite Abram's actions?

II. PROMISES REITERATED – (Genesis 13:5-18)

- A. What trial does Abram experience as a result of his increased possessions (Gen. 13:5-7)?
- B. How does Abram handle this trial differently than the trial he just experienced in Egypt?
- C. What details suggest that Lot has made a bad decision in moving to the Jordan Valley?
- D. What details encourage you the most in the reiteration of the land promise (Gen. 13:14-18)?

III. PROMISES FULFILLED – (Application)

- A. As you think through the physical fulfillment of God's promises to Abram, how is Exodus 1 and Joshua 21:43-45 helpful? Can you think of other passages that confirm God's promises?
- B. Read Galatians 3:16 and 29. How are these verses helpful in understanding that God's promises are ultimately spoken to Jesus and to those who put their faith in Christ?
- C. How does Hebrews 11:9-16 help us understand that there's a spiritual fulfillment to God's promises? What was Abram ultimately looking forward to in the promise of great land?
- D. In what ways would you like to grow in cultivating an appetite for your heavenly home? How does God's presence and seeing God face-to-face motivate you in this present time?