

THE FAMILY THAT BLESSED THE WORLD GENESIS 12

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Introduction:

The family of Abraham is one of the most prominent in all the Old Testament. In fact, it is one of the most prominent families in the entire Word of God.

God used Abraham's family as an example for all the families of the earth. Observe what God said to Abraham: "and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

I believe that God wants to use your family and mine as examples to other families. When you get into your car and drive to church, you say to your neighbors and the entire community, "I believe in the church. I believe in the family going to church together."

God used Abraham's family to establish some principles that continued throughout the revelation of God's Word. These principles are as appropriate for our families in the twentieth century as they were for Abraham's family in his day. You see, methods are

many, but principles are few. Methods change often; principles never do.

The family of Abraham was blessed of God. I will share three reasons why God blessed Abraham's family.

1. Abraham Maintained a Right Relationship With God

There were some flaws in Abraham's family, some problems, and some sins. He was not perfect, but he did maintain a right relationship with God. That is seen because Abraham:

A. Built an alter everywhere he went.

1. He believed in worship.
2. He believed in prayer.
3. He believed in sacrifice.
4. He believed in giving.
5. He believed in the truth.
6. He believed in holiness and righteousness.

2. Abraham Maintained a Spirit of Generosity

“What’s giving again?” I as in dismay.

“Must I keep on giving and giving alway?”

“Oh, no,” said the angel, piercing me through.

“Just keep giving ‘till He stops giving to you.”

A. Abraham was unselfish toward God.

1. He was willing to give all even his son.

B. Abraham was unselfish towards others.

1. Abraham allowed Lot to choose his land

3. Abraham Maintained A Disciplined Household.

(Gen 18:17-19 KJV) "And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; {18} Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? {19} For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

A. God’s assessment of Abraham

1. God knew his heart - how he feels

2. God knew his head - what he thinks

3. God knew his home - how he acts

B. Just as God knew all about Abraham, God know you and me.

1. How we feel

2. How we think

3. How we act

4. How we react

C. Observe three things to be done in every home.

1. Establish God's way.

2. Exercise God's wisdom in managing your family.

3. Exemplify God's will

Close:

God's blessings fell upon Abraham and his family because:

1. He was faithful in operation his home by divine principles.

2. He used wisdom in creating an atmosphere for godly living in his home.

Will you let God bless your family? You hold the key.