

Big Gospel Promises, Genesis 12

Growth Group Questions

By Genesis 11 things are in a mess. The tower of Babel represents a people wanting to make themselves great and get rid of God. How will God respond? Read Genesis chapter 12 verses 1-7.

1. Can you think of the best promise someone has made to you?
2. Abram is told to leave his country and set out to a new land. What are the promises made to him as he does this? In what ways do these promises reverse the curse of Genesis 3?
3. The promises have 3 main strands – people (v2), land (v7) and blessing (v3); God's people in God's place under his rule and blessing. One helpful way to look at the rest of the Bible is to see how these promises are worked out. We need to be clear how we might enjoy these promises. Abram shows us the way...
4. Read Genesis chapter 15 verses 1-6. Verse 6 is a really important verse in the Bible. How does Abram respond to the LORD's promise? What is the result for him?

5. Read Galatians chapter 3 verses 6-9; 'Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.' How are we children of Abraham?¹

6. How does Galatians 3 help us understand how all nations will be blessed through Abraham?

7. In Galatians chapter 3 we see the danger of relying on the law thinking that's how we enjoy God's promises – 'for all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse' verse 10. Why do you think we so easily default to thinking keeping rules is the way to enjoy God's promises?

Spend time giving thanks to God for these wonderful promises offered to us all and that we enjoy them by faith alone.

¹ His name changes in chapter 17 verse 5. Abraham means exalted father as he will be the father of many nations