

THE PROMISES OF GOD

Proclamation Life Groups; Genesis 11:10-12:9; Week of Sunday, May 7, 2017; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: After the hopeless cycles of sin and judgment in Genesis 1-11, we're given the glorious promises of God, spoken to Abraham, but fulfilled in Christ; that by faith, we can experience the wonderful blessing of eternal life.

I. PREPARATION OF ABRAM – (Genesis 11:10-12:1)

- A. What is different between the generations of Shem in Genesis 11:21-31 and 12:10-26?
- B. What are the principal characters that emerge in Genesis 11:27-32? How does the information about Sarai in 11:30 set the stage for the entire history of Terah?
- C. How does Acts 7:2-4 help us understand why this family is headed toward Canaan?
- D. What three things does God call Abram to do in 12:1? Why is this such a monumental calling on Abram's life and how does Hebrews 11:1, 6 help us understand his response?

II. PROMISES TO ABRAM – (Genesis 12:2-9)

- A. What promises does God make to Abram in Genesis 12:2-3?
- B. How does Galatians 3:8, 16, 29 show that these promises are ultimately fulfilled in Christ?
- C. How does Abram respond to God's calling according to Genesis 12:4? How does Hebrews 11:8-10 explain his actions? How would you describe your response to God's commands?
- D. How did Abram respond to God's gracious promise in Genesis 12:7? As you reflect on Genesis 12:6-9, what do you think is the significance of Abram building altars in Canaan?

III. PROMISES TO CHRIST – (Galatians 3:16)

- A. What connections do you make between Abram and Christ in Philippians 2:5-11?
- B. As you read Revelation 5:9-10; 7:9, how does Jesus receive the promise of a great nation?
- C. According to John 3:16-18 and Galatians 3:8-9, how are people ultimately blessed in Christ?
- D. In light of the promises of God, how would you like to grow in obedience and worship?