

A Covenant of Blessing
Genesis 12:1-3
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Intro: How many of you have ever said to someone, “How ya doin’?” and the response back to you from the other person was, “I’m blessed!” Would that be your answer to the question today? Are you “blessed”? Why are you blessed? How does you being blessed affect others? These are all questions that can be addressed by today’s scripture.

Interog: If you are blessed, I want you to consider why? Why is it that the God of heaven who can bless and curse whomever He chooses, choose you? And, what is you responsibility as a result of that blessing?

Read Scripture: Gen 12:1-3

1. God’s Blessing is Personal. Verses 1-2

God promised to bless Abram (Great Nation and a Great Name)

Abram was initially obedient (verses 4-9) they traveled

How has God blessed you, the joy of salvation, the peace, that passes understanding, health for your soul, deliverance from anxiety, healed relationships, what ever it is God has blessed you!

Romans 5:8

2. God’s Blessing Relational. Verse 3a

God promised to bless those in good relationship to Abram

God promised to curse those who acted against Abram. (promise of protection).

Abram failed to trust the promise (10 – 13) lied to Egyptians.

As we become like Jesus the people around us should be blessed by our new behavior.

Phillip went to get Nathaniel John 1

3. God’s Blessing is Evangelical verse 3b

Through Abram the “families” nations were to be blessed.

Abram was supposed to be a blessing to the people He came in contact with, but instead he lied and brought difficulty on the {Pharoah} plagued verse 17.

Rather than being received as a blessing, he was sent away, considered a liar not a blessing.

In Acts 2 Peter preached and three thousand were saved and they were added to the church daily added to the church.

Eph 3:3 – The mystery of general atonement.

Conclusion: Have you received your personal blessing from God? Not wealth, power, or possessions, but the blessings of peace that can only come from the forgiveness that only He can give. God wants to bless you with forgiveness, peace and salvation, then He wants you to give it away.