

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

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Call to Worship

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Opening Prayer

Scripture Text: Genesis 20

Message: "Abraham journeyed"

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Closing Prayer

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INTRODUCTION

1. The significance of the life of Abraham

What is the significance of the life of Abraham, that so many chapters were dedicated to describing his movements?

2. Positive things we have discovered about Abraham:

- a) He discovered God and followed Him Genesis 12
- b) He rescued Lot, risking his life Genesis 14
- c) His faith was confirmed and blessed Genesis 15
- d) He was given a Covenant Genesis 17
- e) He prayed for Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 18

3. Negative things we have discovered about Abraham

- a) He lied when he went to Egypt Genesis 12
- b) He listened to Sarai and had Hagar
as his second wife Genesis 16

4. Wonderful truths we have discovered about God

- a) He is gracious
- b) He is merciful
- c) He is faithful
- d) He is patient (longsuffering)
- e) He is generous
- f) He is powerful
- g) He is truly God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth Genesis 14:19

THE JOURNEYS THAT ABRAHAM MADE

1. Why did he journey so much?

He had left Haran for Canaan Genesis 12:5

2. God promised to give Canaan to Abram

a) "To a land that I will show you" Genesis 12:1d

b) "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are"

i) Northward

ii) Southward

iii) Eastward

iv) Westward Genesis 13:14

c) "For all the land which you see
I give to you and your descendants" Genesis 13:15

d) "And Abraham journeyed" Genesis 20:1

3. Journeys of necessity

a) Pasture for his flocks and herds

b) New pastures must be found again and again

Many lessons were to be learned along the way.

APPRECIATING THE JOURNEYS OF ABRAHAM

1. Journeys of Faith

a) Abraham did not have the written Scriptures to guide him

b) He was going to learn lessons of faith along the way

c) Lessons of Faith learned through Journeying

i) Human knowledge and Experience

ii) Relating to God in worship (setting up altars)

- iii) Making mistakes
- iv) Sinning sometimes
- v) Problems
- vi) Valorous deeds (rescuing Lot)
- d) God's Revelation
 - i) Word revealed (unspecified)
 - ii) Visions
 - iii) Manifestation (Visits of the angels)
- e) Lessons of faith learned
 - i) Life-changing lessons
 - ii) Maturing faith

2. Journeys of Discovery of the land God had promised

- a) The land of Canaan cannot be discovered theoretically
 - i) Where were the boundaries?
 - ii) What was the land like?
 - iii) How would the land be utilized?
- b) Abraham would have to do the following:
 - i) Find the courage
 - ii) Obtain the strength
 - iii) Exercise his faith
 - iv) Use his intelligence
 - v) Cultivate his relationship with God as he journeyed
- c) Many lessons learned as the Land was slowly discovered
 - i) Knowledge of boundaries

Egypt was not part of Canaan Genesis 12

ii) Some places were sin-filled Genesis 19

iii) God would be there as Abraham journeyed and discovered Canaan

3. Journeys and their Lessons for the sake of his descendants

The lessons learned were to be passed down to the next generation

a) "I have known him, in order that he may command his children
and his household after him" Genesis 18:19a

i) God was teaching Abraham many lessons

ii) The lessons learned were meant to be passed down to his children

b) "To keep the way of the LORD" Genesis 18:19b

i) The way of the Lord was made known

ii) His way was to be kept

c) "To do righteousness and justice" Genesis 18:19c

i) This is what God desires

ii) God approved of the rescue of Lot

iii) Thus, He gave Abraham the victory over the Northern Alliance

CONCLUSION

1. How do we appreciate our parents and grandparents?

2. What lessons are we learning from them?

3. How well are we learning these lessons?