

LEARNING TO RESPOND TO GOD

1. The word of God given to Abram Genesis 12:1-3
2. What was needed but an appropriate response?

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. As the LORD had spoken to him Genesis 12:4a
2. Abram departed
3. Lot went with him Genesis 12:4b

FURTHER EXPLANATION: DETAILS ARE IMPORTANT

1. Abram and company
 - a) He was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran Genesis 12:4c
 - b) Abram took his wife and Lot his brother's son
 - c) And all their possessions that they had gathered Genesis 12:5a
 - d) And all the people they had acquired in Haran Genesis 12:5b
2. Significance of the above description
 - a) Total obedience
 - b) Burning the bridges
 - c) No thought of returning to Haran
 - d) Full and final decision

DISCERNMENT NEEDED

1. God's Word to Abram
"To a land that I will show you" Genesis 12:1

The name of the land was not specified

Abram would have to wait for the Lord to show him

2. Canaan

- a) Abram would have to discern where that Promised Land was
- b) He would have to learn many lessons
 - i) About God
 - ii) About His leading
 - iii) About himself
 - iv) About obedience
 - v) About faith in God
- c) The land of Canaan was identified Genesis 12:5
- d) Abram traveled from Haran to Canaan Genesis 12:5

3. In the land of Canaan

- a) Abram passed through the land to Shechem Genesis 12:6
- b) As far as the terebinth trees in Moreh Genesis 12:6

THE DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:8-10

1. By faith Hebrews 11:8a

- a) He learned how to have faith
- b) Faith would become a very real part of his life

2. He went out, not knowing where he was going Hebrews 11:8b

3. He dwelt in the land of Promise Hebrews 11:9

4. He waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God Hebrews 11:10

NO AM MEETINGS ON 8 AND 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 1. Bethel celebrates its 24th Anniversary; Ministry in Bethel (3-9 September 2018)
- 2. Wedding on 15 September 2018 (Jean and Fabian)