

## **GENESIS 12:6-9 2025 - GOD'S SECOND DIALOGUE AND FIRST APPEARANCE TO ABRAM!**

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*(Gen 12:6-9) Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. [7] Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. [8] And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. [9] So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.*

### **ABRAHAM – (HIS SECOND DIALOGUE WITH GOD) - GENESIS 12:6-9**

*[6] Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem (shoulder, strength), as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh (instruction).*

- **This is more than just a record** of what happened to Abram when he first entered the land. It is also a very accurate picture of the conditions of a Spirit-filled life.
- **The first thing we are told** is that Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. These names are most revealing. Shechem means "shoulder," and the shoulder is to the Hebrew a symbol of **strength**. We think of the shoulder of a mountain in the same way.
- **The name Moreh** means **instruction** and when we combine these two words, we get our first glimpse of what it is like in the land. Only as we are taught the Word of God by the Spirit of God do we find strength to live.
- *(1Pe 2:2-3) as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, [3] if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*

*And the Canaanites were then in the land.*

- **The second picture** we have here is that the Canaanites, the enemies, were in the land. The land was not open for Abram to enter upon possession of it without challenge!

*[7] Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."*

- **The land is to be a life of constant conflict.** We read, "At that time the Canaanites were in the land." These Canaanites were the pagan tribes which afflicted Israel all through their history. When Israel came back into the land after their stay in Egypt, God ordered the extermination of these tribes, but Israel failed to carry it through. Therefore, these people hounded and bothered and afflicted Israel as a thorn in their side the whole of their history. They are thus an accurate picture for us of those manifestations of evil we live with and continually wrestle against. They are named for us in the New Testament in many places: pride, arrogance, conceit, malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, evil speaking, hateful and hating one another, etc. They are our daily enemies -- these manifestations of self which make our existence a life of continual conflict.

*And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.*

- **Abraham the altar builder!** Thirdly, it is also a life of continual cleansing.
- **We think of an altar as a symbol of worship**, which it is, but the essence of its meaning is that it is first a place of cleansing, which provides the basis for worship. The reason for a daily altar is the urgent need for cleansing in our lives. Every believer needs the cleansing of blood, the cross of Christ, to which he can come and judge himself as it exhibits itself in His

life. So many Christians seem to feel they need the cross only at the beginning of their Christian life, but we need it every day, for it is the word of the cross, which is the power of God in daily life. This is why Paul cries, *(1 Cor. 15:31b) "I die daily"* Therefore, this life of the Spirit's fullness must be a life of continual cleansing by the cross of Christ.

***[8] And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east;***

- **The fourth point is that this is a life of unending choice.** Abram pitched his tent between Bethel and Ai. Bethel means "the house of God," Ai means "ruin." This is just where we must live the Christian life, ever looking either to the things of God, or to the ruin of the flesh. We can choose to go to Bethel or to Ai, to Christ or self -- it can never be both. I am either pleasing myself or pleasing Him. I am either at Bethel, the house of God, or at Ai, the place of ruin. I must continually choose.

***there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. [9] So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.***

- ***Abram pitched his tent*** - The last characteristic is represented by the tent. What did Abram do when he got to the land? He journeyed on! He never stopped for long. He lived in a tent because he was a pilgrim in the land. He could never settle down; he could only sojourn for a while. All through the New Testament the Christian pilgrim is exhorted to walk in the Spirit. Walk, walk, walk! When you have learned a lesson from God, that is not the end. That is just another step. Tomorrow there is another step to be taken and another the day after that, and another the day following. How the flesh resents this.
- **We are always delighted when the Spirit of God drives us** to the place where we achieve some victory, overcome some habit, take some needed step. Then we want to settle down there. We say to the Lord, "You go on for a while and leave me here. I want to enjoy this for a bit." But He will not let us stop. Life in the land is a life of continual progress, a never-ending journey.
- **Everyone is living in one of three places** -- Ur, Haran, or Canaan. Do you have dual or even triple citizenship?
- **Where do you live?** What a question to search the heart!
- **Ur is the land of death and darkness**, the land into which we were born.
- **Haran is the half-way house where we gain the outward appearance** of being religious but where there is no inward reality.
- **Canaan is the land of power and blessing**, the place of the Spirit's fullness.
- **Have you entered the land of power and blessing**, the place of the Holy Spirit's fullness?

### **SUMMARY:**

- **Abram passed through the land** - Only as we are taught the Word of God by the Spirit of God do we find strength to live.
- **A life of enemies, of constant conflict** - **pride, arrogance**, conceit, malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, evil speaking, hateful and hating one another. They are our daily enemies.
- **A life of continual cleansing**, this life of the Spirit's fullness must be a life of continual cleansing by the cross of Christ.
- **A life of unending choice**.
- **A life represented by the tent**. The Christian pilgrim is exhorted to walk in the Spirit. Walk, walk, walk! Don't settle down!
- **Where do you reside?** In Ur? In Haran? In Canaan?
- **Have you entered the land of power and blessing**, the place of the Holy Spirit's fullness.

**Pray Today for State legislators – 119<sup>th</sup> Congress: 100 Senators; 435 House of Representatives.**

**Iowa** - Governor: *Kim Reynolds*; Lt. Gov. *Chris Cournoye*; US Senators: *Joni Ernst, Chuck Grassley*; US Representatives (4): *Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Ashley Hinson, Zach Nunn, Randy Feenstra*.

**Kansas** - Governor: *Laura Kelly*; Lt. Gov. *David Toland*; US Senators: *Roger Marshall, Jerry Moran*; US Representative (4): *Tracey Mann, Derek Schmidt, Sharice Davids, Ron Estes*.

**Kentucky** - Governor: *Andy Beshear*; Lt. Gov. *Jacqueline Coleman*; US Senators: *Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul*; US Representatives (6): *James Comer, Brett Guthrie, Morgan McGarvey, Thomas Massie, Hal Rogers, Andy Barr*.

**Louisiana** - Governor: *Jeff Landry*; Lt. Gov. *Billy Nungesser*; US Senators: *Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy*; US Representatives (6): *Steve Scalise, Troy Carter, Clay Higgins, Mike Johnson, Julia Letlow, Cleo Fields*.

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**Maryland** - Governor: *Wes Moore*; Lt. Gov. *Aruna Miller*; US Senators: *Angela Alsobrooks, Chris Van Hollen*; US Representatives (8): *Andy Harris, Johnny Olszewski, Sarah Elfreth, Glenn Ivey, Steny Hoyer, April McClain-Delaney, Kweisi Mfume, Jamie Raskin*.

**Massachusetts** - Governor: *Maura Tracy Healey*; Lt. Gov. *Kim Layne Driscoll*; US Senators: *Ed Markey, Elizabeth Warren*; US Representatives (9): *Richard Neal, Jim McGovern, Lori Trahan, Jake Auchincloss, Katherine Clark, Seth Moulton, Ayanna Pressley, Stephen Lynch, Bill Keating*.

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**Missouri** - Governor *Mike Kehoe*; Lt. Gov. *Mike Kehoe*; US Senators: *Josh Hawley, Eric Schmitt*; US Representatives (8): *Wesley Bell, Ann Wagner, Bob Onder, Mark Alford, Emanuel Cleaver, Sam Graves, Eric Burlison, Jason Smith*.

**THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE** *Thomas Oliver - ben Judah/Yigdal (Leoni) (3:20)*

*1 The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of Love; Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and Heav'n confessed; I bow and bless  
the sacred name Forever blessed.*

*2 The God of Abraham praise, At whose supreme command From earth I rise—and seek  
the joys At His right hand; I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and power; And Him  
my only portion make, My shield and tower.*

*3 He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend, I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To Heav'n ascend. I shall behold His face; I shall His power adore, And sing the wonders  
of His grace Forevermore.*

*4 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high; Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
They ever cry: Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays  
All might and majesty are thine, And endless praise.*