

I. The Call of God (v. 1)

- A. God takes the initiative to reveal his will
- B. Abram's first step of faith was leaving the familiar
- C. Abram's second step of faith was going to the unknown

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." (Hebrews 11:8)

- D. Abram's life of faith was demonstrated by following God

II. The Promise of God (v. 2-3)

- A. God promised to bless Abram
 - 1. He was promised to be a great nation

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'" (Romans 4:18)

- 2. He was promised to be a great man
 - 3. He was promised to be a great blessing

"The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you'. So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith." (Galatians 3:8-9)

- 4. He was promised to be a great partner with God

"Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend." (James 2:23)

- B. God promised to bless the world

- 1. Through Abram God will conduct his global plan of redemption

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

- 2. Through Abram God will bring the Savior of the world

"A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." (Matthew 1:1)

"Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God has power to do what he had promised." (Romans 4:20-21)

III. The Faith of Abram (v. 4-9)

A. Abram demonstrated his faith through obedience

1. Abram obeyed God immediately

2. Abram obeyed God completely

“By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.” (Hebrews 11:9)

3. Abram obeyed God daily

B. Abram demonstrated his faith through his witness

C. Abram demonstrated his faith through worship

D. Abram demonstrated his faith through prayer