

“FLOURISHING TO HELP OTHERS FLOURISH”

Series: “Flourishing”, Part 6 of 6
Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Genesis 11:31-12:5

Big Idea: God's desire is to cause us to flourish so we can help others do the same.

I. THE PRINCIPLE.

Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Haran, they settled there. 32 Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Haran. -Genesis 11:31-32

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. 2 “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” 4 So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. -Genesis 12:1-5

A. The Specific Promise Fulfilled Through Christ.

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. -Galatians 3:16

“Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.” -Romans 4:16

B. The Broader Principle as a Perpetual Expectation.

II. THE PROBLEM.

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“But when they came to Haran, they settled there.” -Genesis 11:31b

III. THE PRESCRIPTION.

A. Consistently Remember that God is the Source of Every Blessing in Your Life.

“A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, ‘Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.’” -Matthew 8:2

B. Consistently Release Those Blessings to Others.

“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.” -Romans 6:13

“I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it.” -Ezekiel 22:30a

“But I found none. 31 So I will pour out my wrath on them.” -Ezekiel 22:30b-31a