

The Promise Given (Genesis 12:1-3)

Christmas is the fulfillment of God's ancient promise to bless the world through Abraham and his promised Seed—Jesus Christ.

I. God's Promise Begins With a Radical Call

- God initiates redemption by calling Abram out of everything familiar.
- Abram must leave security, identity, and comfort to follow God's voice.
- True faith responds to God's call even when the path is not fully visible.

Cross References: Heb. 11:8; 1 Pet. 2:9; Matt. 4:19

II. God's Promise Establishes a Covenant Blessing

- God promises to make Abram a great nation—despite human impossibility.
- God blesses Abram with His presence, protection, and purpose.
- Abram is blessed not merely for himself, but to *be a blessing*.

Cross References: Gen. 15:5; Ps. 67:1-2; Eph. 1:3

III. God's Promise Extends to the Nations

- God's covenant reaches beyond Israel to "all families of the earth."
- The promise anticipates the coming Seed—Christ—through whom salvation comes.
- Christmas is the arrival of the promised global Savior.

Cross References: Gal. 3:8, 16; Luke 2:10; Revelation 5:9

APPLICATION

1. Step Out in Faith This Season

- Where is God calling you to trust Him more?
- What "home," habit, or comfort is He calling you away from?

2. Be a Blessing in Christ's Name

- God's gifts to you this season are opportunities for ministry, not just enjoyment.
- Use your home, time, words, and resources to bless others.

3. Cultivate a Heart for the Nations

- Pray for unreached people.
- Share the gospel with neighbors from other cultures.

FOR FURTHER READING

Genesis 15; Isaiah 9:1-7; Matthew 1:1-17; Galatians 3

LOOKING AHEAD – The Promise Renewed – Isaiah 9:1-7

In the darkness of Israel's despair, God renews His ancient promise: a Child will be born who will rule with justice, carry divine authority, and bring everlasting peace.

Prepare your heart this week by reading **Isaiah 9:1-7** and reflecting on the names of the coming Messiah.