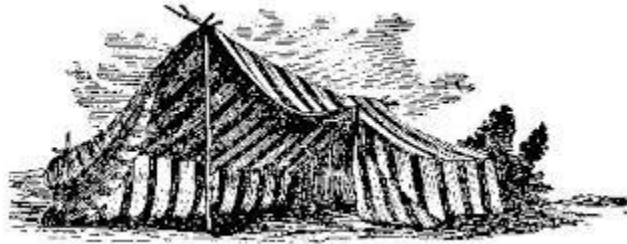


Genesis 12:1-9

v2 – bless	(verb)	treat someone with favour
v3 – curses	(verb)	opposite of bless; act against someone
v5 – accumulated	(verb)	collected or gathered over a period of time
v7 – offspring	(noun)	children
v7 – altar	(noun)	a special table on which sacrifices are offered to God as an act of worship
v8 – ‘pitched his tent’		put up a tent



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¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's family. 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.

You will be a blessing to others.

³ I will bless those who bless you.

I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you.

All nations on earth

will be blessed because of you."

⁴ So Abram went, just as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot. They took all the people and possessions they had acquired in Harran. They started out for the land of Canaan. And they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land. He went as far as the large tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were living in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram at Shechem. He said, "I will give this land to your family who comes after you." So Abram built an altar there to honor the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there, Abram went on toward the hills east of Bethel. He set up his tent there. Bethel was to the west, and Ai was to the east. Abram built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD.

⁹ Then Abram left and continued south toward the Negev Desert.

Galatians 3:7-18

v7 – faith	(noun)	trust in God, dependence on God
v8 – Scripture	(noun)	the bible. Here it is specifically referring to the Old Testament.
v8 – foresaw	(verb)	expected that something would happen
v8 – justify	(verb)	declare to be right with God
v8 – Gentiles	(noun)	people who are not from the nation of Israel
v8 – gospel	(noun)	the good news that people can be in right relationship with God through trusting in Jesus
v10 – ‘the law’	(noun)	the regulations that God gave the nation of Israel in the Old Testament to live by
v10 – curse	(noun)	an official announcement that God is against someone and will act against them
v11 – righteous	(noun)	people who are declared by God to be right with him
v12 – ‘on the contrary’		<i>a phrase to emphasise the opposite point</i>
v13 – redeemed	(verb)	purchased; bought for a price
v13 – pole	(noun)	a long thin piece of wood or metal
v14 – blessing	(noun)	an official announcement that God is seeing and treating someone with favour
v15 – covenant	(noun)	a formal binding agreement between two parties
v15 – duly	(adverb)	correctly
v16 – ‘seed’	(noun)	offspring; child
v16 – Christ	(title)	God’s king, that is, Jesus.
v18 – grace	(noun)	God’s undeserved favour on someone

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⁷ So you see, those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸ Long ago, Scripture knew that God would make the Gentiles right with himself. He would do this by their faith in him. He announced the good news ahead of time to Abraham. God said, “All nations will be blessed because of you.” ⁹ So those who depend on faith are blessed along with Abraham. He was the man of faith.

¹⁰ All who depend on obeying the law are under a curse. It is written, “May everyone who doesn’t continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law be under God’s curse.” ¹¹ We know that no one who depends on the law is made right with God. This is because “the one who is right with God will live by faith.” ¹² The law is not based on faith. In fact, it is just the opposite. It teaches that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ¹³ Christ set us free from the curse of the law. He did it by becoming a curse for us. It is written, “Everyone who is hung on a pole is under God’s curse.” ¹⁴ Christ Jesus set us free so that the blessing given to Abraham would come to the Gentiles through Christ. He did it so that we might receive the promise of the Holy Spirit. The promised Spirit comes by believing in Christ.

¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, let me give you an example from everyday life. No one can get rid of an official agreement between people. No one can add to it. It can’t be changed after it has been made. It is the same with God’s covenant agreement. ¹⁶ The promises were given to Abraham. They were also given to his seed. Scripture does not say, “and to seeds.” That means many people. It says, “and to your seed.” That means one person. And that one person is Christ. ¹⁷ Here is what I mean. The law came 430 years after the promise. But the law does not get rid of God’s covenant and promise. The covenant had already been made by God. So the law does not do away with the promise. ¹⁸ The great gift that God has for us does not depend on the law. If it did, it would no longer depend on the promise. But God gave it to Abraham as a free gift through a promise.