



Day Two

# The Blessing of Abraham

**God's covenant with Abraham reveals His unchanging purpose—to bring redemption and blessing to all nations through Christ.**

**Genesis 12:1–3**

*<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation . . . <sup>3</sup>and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

Abraham's father, Terah, was dead. It was time for Abraham to move on. He had lingered in Haran too long.

Abraham's journey had begun years before in Ur, a city devoted to the moon god. Like his family, Abraham had participated in the rituals of idolatry. Each evening, they lit a lamp at their household shrine, whispering prayers for health, fertility, and protection from the dangers of the night. Idolatry was woven into the fabric of his life—it was all he had ever known.

But then the God of glory appeared to him and commanded him to leave Ur. Abraham obeyed without knowing where he was going.

His father started with him on the journey, making it as far as Haran. They settled there until his father died. Then, Abraham left his house for the covenant land of blessing.

Blessing is the heartbeat of Genesis 12:1–3. Hebrew authors use repetition to highlight the key message of a text, and in verses 2 and 3, “bless” or “blessing” appears five times. How can this be? The nine previous chapters catalog human sin from Adam’s fall to Babel’s pride, and we expect condemnation. Instead, God speaks blessing. Missiologist Christopher Wright says,

*Genesis 12:1–3 is a pivotal text not only in the book of Genesis but in the whole Bible. It declares the good news that in spite of all we have read in Genesis 3–11, it is God’s ultimate purpose to bless humanity. And the story of how that blessing for all nations has come about occupies the rest of the Bible, with Christ as the central focus.<sup>a</sup>*

Blessing means more than happiness. It is fruitfulness, fullness, abundance, peace, prosperity, long life, a thriving land, a growing family. Above all, it is life lived in harmony with God, experiencing His glory, through the Holy Spirit (Galatians 3:14).

God’s promises to Abraham, his family, and the world continue the original blessing He gave to Adam in Genesis 1:28–30. They show that His mission to fill the earth with His glory has never changed. He remains eternally committed to blessing all nations.

We are joined to that same promise through Christ and receive Abraham’s blessing. But we’re not just called to receive it—we’re called to share it. Just as God sent Abraham, He now invites us to be part of His mission to bless the nations.

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a. Christopher Wright, *The Mission of God*, (Lisle, IL: IVP Academic, 2006) 194.



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## Prayer

Lord, You called Abraham to go—to leave behind what was known and safe—and to trust You for something greater. You promised to bless him, not just for his sake, but so You might *bless all nations* through him. That same purpose remains unchanged. In Christ, You still call, bless, and send us to *carry Your mission forward*.

Though sin has fractured the world, Your purpose remains—to *redeem and restore*. Because You are faithful, we choose to walk by faith, trusting that You will lead us.

We surrender to Your *unchanging mission*, even when we cannot see the road ahead. Give us the courage to *go where You send* and to be a *blessing to the world*, just as You have blessed us. *Amen*.