

Abram in the Promised Land

Gn 12⁵ So they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹ So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.



Jn 8⁵⁷ [T]he Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

* **What is** God promising Abram near term and long term?

Dt 7.1; Rm 4¹³ [T]he promise that he would be heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ... 8¹⁶ [W]e are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, ... heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ

* **Why does** God always include children and land in his redemptive promises?

1Jn 3⁸ For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

cf. Gn 1²⁸ God blessed them, and ... said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion” ... 9¹ God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth”

* **When Abram** reaches the promised land, what does he find?

* **How is** Abram in Canaan relevant to Christians in the world today?

Deut 7¹ “When the LORD your God brings you into the land ... and has cast out ... seven nations greater and mightier than you”

Mt 28¹⁹ “[M]ake disciples of all the nations ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always”

* **What is** the significance of Shechem and the terebinth tree of Moreh?

* **How does** Abram respond to God’s appearance and word?

* **To assure** Abram, what does the LORD do (and who is the LORD)?

Mt 28¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him

*** The lesson for us — the role and importance of worship.**

Six things worship is:

1) Worship is what God _____ from us.

Lev 21⁶ [The priests] ... offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire, ... the bread of their God

Gn 8²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD ... and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma.

2) Worship is our only appropriate _____
to God's love and faithfulness.

Rm 12¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service [i.e., worship].

3) Worship is giving our _____
to God, as he has given his _____ to us.

Rm 12.1

Ps 8⁴ [W]hat is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have ... crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You ... have put all things under his feet [ESV]

Eph 3¹⁸ ... to comprehend with all the saints ... the width and length and depth and height — ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

4) Worship is the wellspring of _____.

Jn 17³ "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Jer 9²⁴ [L]et him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.

5) Worship is the wellspring of _____.

Gn 12⁸ [Abram] built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Ps 96¹ Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. ³ Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. ⁴ For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens ... ⁷ Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength ... ⁹ Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns" ... ¹³ For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

6) Worship is the wellspring of _____.

Deut 7¹ "When the LORD your God brings you into the land ... and has cast out ... seven nations greater and mightier than you"

Josh 5¹³ [W]hen Joshua was by Jericho, ... he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn ... And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴ So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" ¹⁵ Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

Heb 11³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

2Cor 10³ [T]hough we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ