

THE LIFE OF ABARAHAM



2. Abraham's Mistake & Recommitment

Introduction

As we have seen, Abraham was known as the 'father of our faith', and he was also called a 'friend of God'. However that did not mean Abraham made any mistakes in his life. He did! What made him great was not that he never failed, for we all do, but rather than he returned to the Lord and continued his journey of faith. We need to learn to do the same in our lives.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:10 – 13:4

A. ABRAHAM'S MISTAKE

- ✧ Why did Abraham go down to Egypt? V10
- ✧ We don't know whether it was God's will or not for Abraham to go down to Egypt, however what danger and temptation did Abraham face there? V11-15



Abraham's mistake is a common one. There are times when people tell half-truths to protect themselves. Why is this wrong? Why is truth so important?

B. ABRAHAM'S RECOMMITMENT

- ✧ How does God intervene to prevent further wrong doing? V17-19
- ✧ In what way does God show his faithfulness to Abraham at this time, and why does he? Genesis 13:2-3
- ✧ No doubt Abraham felt embarrassed and ashamed of what he had done. How did he respond to the Lord at that time? Genesis 13:3-4



Have there been times in your life when you have made mistakes, yet you have seen God graciously preventing you from going further? What other lessons can you learn from this story?

Conclusion

We have all made mistakes. Even the great men of God like Abraham have! How wonderful that we can come back to the Lord, as Abraham did, and receive his forgiveness and restoration. We too can be known as a 'friend of God.'