
Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.

Thou hast bade me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole.

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Faith's Tent and Altar

The Faith of Abraham – part 2

Genesis 12:10—13:4

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■ **The tent** –

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Famine in Canaan

- A failure of faith

■ *Genesis 12:10* Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe

- “God, what do You want me to do?”

- What is your Egypt?

Folly in Egypt

■ *Genesis 12:11* As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”

¹⁴ When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. ¹⁵ And when Pharaoh’s

officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace.¹⁶ He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.

Lesson 1: Foolish decisions sometimes bring initial “good” success.

Hebrews 11:25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Lesson 2: When fear overtakes faith, we can lose our honor and courage.

Lesson 3: Our foolish decisions can harm lots of people

Genesis 12:17 But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram’s wife Sarai.¹⁸ So Pharaoh summoned Abram. “What have you done to me?” he said. “Why didn’t you tell me she was your wife?¹⁹ Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!”²⁰ Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

Lesson 4: When we seize control, others eventually suffer.

Lesson 5: Money can have devastating effects on relationships.

Lesson 6: A foolish idea that looks wise can bring eventual harm on many.

Lesson 7: What may appear to be a blessing to you may be a curse you never saw coming.

Lesson 8: The move that appeared to provide plenty may prove to be humiliating.

Fullness of God

Proverbs 24:16 For a righteous man falls seven times but gets up again but the unrighteous are overthrown by calamity.

Gen. 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him.² Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

³ From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier⁴ and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.
