



Week 1 | Abraham: The Call and God's Promise

Question 16: What is sin?

Answer 16: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. – **1 John 3:4**

Understanding the Text

- **Read Genesis 12:1** – What did God command Abram to do, and what did He promise in return? How do you think Abram felt about leaving everything behind?
- **Read Genesis 12:2-3** – What specific blessings did God promise Abram? How do these promises point to something bigger than just Abram's life?
- **Read Genesis 12:4-5** – How did Abram respond to God's call? What does this tell us about his faith?
- **Read Genesis 12:6-7** – What happened when Abram arrived in Canaan? Why is God's promise to give the land to Abram's offspring significant?¹
- **Read Genesis 12:8-9** – What do we see Abram doing as he moves through the land? How does his worship of God show his trust and obedience?

Applying the Text

- God called Abram to step out in faith and trust Him. *Is there an area in your life where God is asking you to trust Him, even when it's uncertain?*
- Abram's obedience led to blessings not just for him but for many people. *How does our obedience to God impact those around us?*
- God promised to bless all nations through Abram (ultimately pointing to Jesus). *How does this encourage us to trust in God's bigger plan, even when we don't see the full picture?*
- Abram built altars to worship God wherever he went. *What are some ways we can prioritize worshiping God in our daily lives?*
- Just like Abram, we are called to follow God by faith. *What steps can you take this week to follow God more fully in your life?*

¹ Grammatically, the Hebrew for “offspring” is a collective singular noun, which may denote either one or many depending on the context. Paul declares that it pertains uniquely to Jesus Christ as the source of blessing (Gal. 3:16) and to all those who share Abraham’s faith in God as the recipients of blessing (Rom. 4:16, 23–24; Gal. 3:26–29).