

Genesis Chapters 11-15

The Meaning of God's Silence

Look up:

Exodus 20:19
1 Samuel 3:1-10
Luke 3:22, Luke 9:35, John 12:27-30
John 14:16-18
Hebrews 1:1-2

Silence never means that God is not there. He of course, is always there. Silence is a test of obedience. It is an indication from God that it is now your turn to make the next move. A move, not based on the comfort of His overpowering presence, or the renewed leading of His Spirit, but rather, a move based on your already sufficient knowing of His will. The reason He does not speak is because He has already spoken. Silence means that you already know enough, and that it is time to finally act.

The Call of Abraham

Background

Read 11:27-32

Where did Abram's father set for his destination? Where did he settle? (Acts 16:6-10, Proverbs 16:9)

Read 12:1-9 - Call of Abraham

What instruction was Abram given?

Consider all that this action would have required of Abram personally and physically.

Compare with Mark 10:29-30, Matthew 5:11-12

In return for his obedience, what is Abram promised?

How is the final promise fulfilled? (Acts 3:25)

Read 13:5-11

What does Abram's example in verse 9 demonstrate? (Romans 12:10, Colossians 3:12)
Compare Abram's approach to the land with Lot's. Who chose more wisely?

In Chapter 14, war breaks out which involves the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah and Lot is carried off. Abram goes and rescues him (vs 14-16).

Read 14:17-20: King of Salem, Melchizedek, and 14:21-24, King of Sodom

Consider the differences in how Abram deals with these two kings.

Read 15:1-7 - Compare Abram's response in verse 6 with his response in verse 8.

Read Genesis 15:12-21 How does God assure Abram?

Compare with Genesis 39:1, Exodus 1:6-10, Exodus 3:7-10