

him." All goes well, Lot goes with him ; Abram was seventy-five years old. They came not to Haran to live there, but into the land of Canaan they came ; that is to say, as to us, as soon as we will do God's will, all goes well, God takes care of everything. Before this Abram had stayed at Haran, and there was no blessing. It is only when his father Terah is dead that he goes forth and comes into Canaan. This is what we see in the first four verses of chapter xii. We may remark how God presents Himself to Abram. He does not reproach him. The obstacles are removed, he is put in the way of faith.

In the seventh verse, God appears to Abram ; it is a fresh manifestation. He says to him, " unto thy seed will I give this land." He renews the promises in a more definite way ; He had already brought him to live and walk in dependence on Himself ; now He shews him the hand and renews to him the promises, explaining to him the accomplishment of them : He will give the land to his posterity. In our case, it is heaven. God wills that we also should be blessed, walking in dependence on Him.

In the second verse, God had said to him : I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee." Verse 3 : " I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee ; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." God will be glorified, and He will bless ; two precious things, for He glorifies Himself in blessing. He en-