

GOLDEN TEXT

Gen. 12: 2. I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.

DAILY READINGS

M. — Gen. 12: 1-9. God calls Abram.
 T. — Acts 9: 5-10. Found faithful.
 W. — Gal. 3: 1-7. Abram's obedience.
 Th. — Gal. 3: 1-14. The blessing of Abraham.
 F. — Heb. 11: 6-10. By faith.
 S. — Mark 1: 14-20. Christ's call.
 S. — Mark 10: 28-31. Leaving all for Christ.

CATECHISM

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

TIME AND PLACE

According to the common chronology halfway between Adam and Christ, Abram's birth dating 1995 B.C. and his migration 70 years later. The scene shifts from Ur of the Chaldees near the junction of the Euphrates and Tigris to Haran about 500 miles north of Ilur and then to Palestine, which became Abraham's home.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Lord's Call, 1-3.
 With the gracious promise of blessing.
- II. Abram's Response, 4, 5.
 Prompt and unquestioning.
- III. In the Land, 6-8.
 Sojourning and worshipping.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 538; 234; 71 (Ps. Sel.); 591; 245; 534.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—1 How many years had passed since the flood? How was the earth re-peopled? (Gen. 9: 18.) From whom was Terah, Abram's father, descended? (Gen. 11: 10.) Where was Abram born? Who chose and called him? From what was he called? To what called? Did he know where he was to go? (Acts 7: 3; Heb. 11: 8.)

2, 3 Was it easy for Abram to obey God's call? Why not? State the seven promises given him.

4, 5 Who went with Abram? Who was Lot? How old was Abraham at the time? Whom else did Abraham take with him? Where did they go? How far from Haran?

6 To what places did Abram go? Whom did he find in possession of the land? Of what sort were this people?

7 Who appeared to Abram? By what promise did He cheer him? What did Abram build? For what purpose?

8, 9 Describe his journeyings. What further told us of Bethel? (Gen. 28: 16-22.) What made Abram strong to obey? (Heb. 11: 8.)

Seniors and the Home Department—1 By what other name is Abram known? (Gen. 17: 5.) When did he receive his first call? (Gen. 11: 31.) Where did he remain for some time? What did God reveal to him? Did he obey? How is true faith known? What is its fruit? How does God regard faith? How do Christians resemble Abraham? (1 John 3: 2.)

2, 3 What blessings followed the promises given? (Gal. 3: 8, 9, 14.) What promises have we if we obey God's call? (Matt. 19: 29; 1 Tim. 4: 8; 1 Cor. 2: 9, 10.)

4, 5. How did Abraham show his faith? Who accompanied him?

6, 7 With what difficulties did Abram meet? What alone can overcome the "Canaanites" we meet? What assurance again given to Abraham? How did he accept it?

8, 9 Trace Abram's further journeys? What memorials did he leave? From what does God call us? (1 Pet. 2: 9.) To what does He call us? (Gal. 1: 6; Eph. 3: 16-19.) By whom does He call us? (Rom. 1: 6; 2 Cor. 5: 20; Rev. 22: 17.) What are to be given up? (Matt. 10: 37; 20: 23.)

Prove from Scripture—That family worship is a privilege.

Practical Points—1. Terah, Abram's father, had come part of the way. So far, so good. But Abram must not stop there. No matter how far on the upward way our fathers have gone, God calls us to go further.

2. "Out from thy kindred." There is no greater grief on earth than this, that we must separate ourselves from even our nearest and dearest, when they will not follow Christ with us. But we must pay even that price, if we are to be true to Him.

3. "Once to every man and nation

Comes the moment to decide

In the strife of truth with falsehood,

For the good or evil side."

4. Abram set out under "sealed orders," as ships are sometimes sent to sea. Any orders are safe if they are from God.

5. Lot started well. To-day we must follow him. We shall soon find him making a sad blunder. Then we must turn our backs upon him.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What was God's command to Abram?

2. What was the promise?

3. How did Abraham show his faith?