

to the place which religion held in the life of Abram? Say something to the class about the duty and privilege of family worship?

Can we expect to face life and its issues in anything like the right way if we do not acknowledge God?

### FOR TEACHERS IN THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

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Teachers in the Intermediate Department should study carefully the scholars' materials in the INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY.

Call for the title of the lesson, and question the class about the feelings awakened in the heart by the thought of leaving home, the dearest spot on earth to us,—by the thought of going out into the world which knows little of us and cares less, of forming new friendships and acquiring new habits. It is a critical time in a young person's life. Impress upon the class that there is no safety in an adventure of this kind unless we have Christ for our bosom companion. Note that we have in this passage an adventure of this kind in the life of one who lived in the long ago, when leaving home was a rarer experience in a man's life than it is to-day. Question the class about the home of Abram's boyhood and early manhood, and bring out how marvelously rich and beautiful it was in material things, but how shamefully corrupt in morals and poor in religious things.

1. *The Divine Call*, vs. 1-3. What was the nature of this call? Note the divine recognition of the difficulties in the way of responding. God knew that it would be no easy matter for Abram to disregard the home ties and the homeland ties. Have these ties the same binding force in life to-day as in Abram's time, or is leaving home so common an experience that nobody thinks much about it? Home ties must ever be strong in a properly regulated life. Dwell upon the divine promises (vs. 2, 3) which accompanied the call. What is the nature of the divine call which comes to us? It is a call to salvation and

service and fellowship. What are the divine promises?

2. *The Ready Response*, vs. 4, 5. Note that with the divine call and the divine promises in his heart, Abram did not allow the difficulties in the way to deter him. Make clear how wise it is of us to do like Abram when the divine call comes to us. Man's chief end is to listen to the divine call and respond to it when the conviction comes to him that this is what God wants him to do.

"I will do what God wants me to do,

I will be what God wants me to be,

I will go where God wants me to go."

3. *The Promised Land*, vs. 6-9. Note that we are not told what Abram's first impressions were of the promised land, but we have some suggestive hints. It was in possession of a fierce, cruel enemy. This must have been a discouragement. But the encouraging feature was that God was there. It is always a good land where God reveals himself to us in a loving way.

### From the Home Study Quarterly and Leaflet

#### FOR DISCUSSION

1. Does our character necessarily depend upon our surroundings?

2. Is it by faith or by works that we become pleasing to God?

### Prove from Scripture

That Christ is our master.

### FOR TEACHERS IN THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

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Teachers in the Junior Department should study carefully the scholars' materials in the INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY.

Ask who can tell what part of the Bible our lessons of last Quarter were from, and where we turn to find the lessons we are to study for the next three months. Who is the first great hero we become acquainted with?

Have some one point out on the map the country of Mesopotamia where Abram lived with his father, and describe the religion of the city of Ur which they left when they journeyed to Haran. Have their route indicated