

## **Abraham: Vital Lessons learned about walking with God**

### **(I) INITIAL WALK WITH GOD**

*“So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him... And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed Haran.” **Genesis 12:4***

#### **1. Commencement of walk with God**

- a) Older age- Seventy five years old
- b) Obedience to God's word
- c) On-going communion with God

*“Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said...” **Genesis 12:7***

#### **2. Commendable efforts**

*“...And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.” **Genesis 12:7***

*“...he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.” **Genesis 12:8***

- a) Responding in appreciation
- b) Responding in worship
- c) Responding consistently

### **(II) INCONSISTENCY AND INCONGRUITY**

#### **1. Under trying circumstances in Egypt (Genesis 12:11-16)**

- a) Succumbing to fear
- b) Selfish survival instincts kicks in
- c) Special mercy and protection extended

## **2. Under another set of trying circumstances**

- a) Marrying Hagar
- b) For the sake of obtaining an heir
- c) Special problems arising from this situation

### **(III) INVITATION TO WALK BETTER**

*“When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.’”* **Genesis 17:1**

#### **1. Another appearance**

- a) Many appearances already
- b) Yet another one was made

#### **2. Another chance**

*“...walk before Me and be blameless...”* **Genesis 17:1**

- a) Abraham not blameless
- b) Learning from mistakes
- c) Challenge to walk blamelessly
  - i) Sinless perfection not in mind
  - ii) In greater consciousness
  - iii) With greater faith
  - iv) With deeper understanding