

Study Notes and Questions for Genesis 12-13

Chapter 12

- What single command did God give to Abram in the first 3 verses?
- List the promises given to Abram in verses 1-3.
- How old was Abram when he departed from Haran?
- What can we learn about Abram's character from his actions in 12:4–9? List the qualities you observe and how he shows them.
- Why is it significant that the Lord gave His promises in 12:2–3, 7 without conditions?
- When Abram had obeyed God's first command, the Lord made another promise (see 12:7). What was it?
- What character qualities does Abram display in 12:10–13? (For instance, does he show the faith Hebrews 11:8 commends?)
- God planned to give Abram offspring through Sarai (see 17:15–16), but Abram almost lost her to Pharaoh. How did God deal with this threat to His plan (see 12:17–20)?
- Did Abram's fearful actions nullify God's promises? Why is this fact important?
- What can we learn about God from 12:1–20?

Chapter 13

- Why do you think Abram let Lot choose the best land?
- When Lot looked up he saw the fertile land of the Jordan Valley. What does this choice show about Lot?
- How did God respond when Abram accepted his destiny to wander in Canaan?
- What lessons about faith in God did Abram learn from the experience in Egypt?
- What does it mean when the Apostle Paul says that "...**we walk by faith, not by sight.**" (2 Corinthians 5:7) and how does that verse speak to Abram's actions in this chapter?
- Why is the faith displayed by Abram in this chapter a good example for us?
- God gave Abram wonderful promises. What promises has God given to believers today?