

## **Major Event: CALL OF ABRAHAM**

### **Lesson #4: The “Reciprocals” of Abraham**

**Scriptures: Gen 12, 13 and 21**

**Central Text: Gen. 12:6-8; Gen. 13:1-4; Gen. 21:33-34**

#### **Suggested Subjects:**

Abraham’s faith, and progressive sanctification in response to God’s revealed covenant

#### **Suggested Attributes:**

1. Of God: God as Personal
2. Of Man: Man as able to have relationship with God through faithful obedience

#### **Suggested Home Study:**

Psalm 116 (David’s thanksgiving psalm for deliverance from death); Romans 10:13,14 (how will they call on Him whom they have not believed?); Jer. 31:31ff; God’s future promise of perfect fellowship with His people Israel

**Notes:** Neither Abraham nor his descendants (save Christ) have yet been fully obedient to the requirements God laid out in the Abrahamic and later covenants. However, in Abraham’s life we see these three wonderful examples of “calling on the name of the LORD” as reciprocal of God’s calling Abram (later Abraham) by name out of the pagan milieu of his day. Calling on the name of the LORD is an important refrain throughout Scripture for the faithful who: 1. Remember the LORD’s *chesed* (loyal covenant love) 2. Express worship and praise 3. Publicly declare God’s faithfulness and Omnipotence (ability to accomplish what He promises) 4. Seek deliverance from some temporal sickness or danger (see Ps. 116). \* See powerpoint on “reciprocals of Abraham” should you desire to use it. Note also God’s covenant faithfulness to Abraham in his lifetime (not only through the ultimate fulfillment of His covenant in Christ’s millennial kingdom): By Gen. 21 Abraham is sojourning in the land, he has the promised seed and he is being a blessing to his neighbors (covenant with Abimelech).