

Prayer – Part Ten-Abraham Prayer Life

Abraham was called in scripture the friend of God (II Chron 20:7; James 2:23). He had an intimate relationship with God in which they communed together. Abraham's prayer life was characterized as an ongoing conversation with God, initiated by God. We are going to look into those conversations, those prayers, which are documented from Genesis 12 to Genesis 22.

In Gen 12:1-4, God initiates the conversation, the prayer life, by calling Abraham to separate himself from his country, and his father's house. OUR COMMUNICATION WITH GOD, OUR COMMUNION WITH GOD, NECESSARILY CALLS FOR US TO SEPARATE OURSELVES UNTO HIM. We want to give him our undivided attention. God gives him a glimpse of what he has planned for him; God promises that he will be blessed. The recorded response from Abraham is an action, he moves as God commands. In verse 7, He builds an altar, verse 8 he builds an altar and calls on the name of the Lord (Yahweh). In 13:4 he builds an altar and calls on the name of the Lord. In 13:14-17, expands on his promise to Abraham and He builds an altar to the Lord.

The building of altars seemed to be acknowledge of God, acknowledging that he believed God. The Altar was an "Amen." It is also a concrete, tangible construction indicating that there was going to be a continued relationship;. The altar is where I sacrifice, where I say thank you, where I commune with you, Inquire of you, get your approval, repent and ask for your forgiveness. The altar is where I hear your voice and receive your promises.

Gen:1-9, 13-18 Establishing of the covenant.

Gen. 17:1-12 More revealed, covenant established, name changed to reflect his destiny.

Gen 18:20-33 Incession of Abraham

Gen 20:1-17 Intercession for Abimelech

Gen 21:33

Gen 22 – God tests Abraham; 22:14-18 Confirmation of his status with God because he trusted God