

A Four - Part Series

Part I

“God’s Presence In The Life Of Abraham: Brings A Plan & A Promise!”

Genesis 12:1-4

Now the **Lord said (rhema)** to **Abram**, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and I make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed!” So, **Abram** went forth as the **Lord had spoken (rhema)** to him ... Now **Abram** was seventy-five years old when he departed from his home country.

Genesis 12:1-4 (NKJV)

2 # Main Concepts Throughout This 4-Part Message

- 1) God’s Word (Logos) Is Recorded For Us In The Bible**
- 2) God Is Speaking (Rhema) Directly To Us Through His Word (Logos),
By His Spirit (Prayer), & By His Indwelling Spirit (Presence)!**

- 1) This Is The First Time In The Recorded Word (Logos) of God,
That God Spoke (Rhema) To Abram!**

**Abram Before This Time, Believed In Many Gods,
But Never Heard Their Voices!**

- 2) He also uses a variation on His Greatest Name**

In each of these four passages based on the theme of the **“Great I AM!”**

- 3) But Most Important concept that I want you to understand
Is that God Is Always Speaking (Rhema)**

In each of these four passages!

The Main Idea I will be referencing here today & over the next three weeks is that:

**God Was Constantly Speaking To Abraham Back Then,
& He Is Constantly Speaking To Us Here Today!**

In this passage

Q: “What Does God Have To Say (Rhema) To Abram Back Then & To Us Today?”

We notice something right away that is out of the ordinary,
That **God’s First Word To Abram Is A Command – “GO”!**
That is remarkably interesting! It assumes one of two things!

This Implies:

- 1) God Had Already Started A Relationship & Conversation With Abram Not Recorded For Us
Or**

- 2) God Made Himself Know To Abram For The Very First Time Right Then**

While We Cannot Be Sure Which Is True, I Will Point Out That

**“When God Wants To Make Himself Known To The World,
When He Wants To Move Forward His Plan, Or Further His Kingdom,
He Often Chooses A Direct & Dramatic Way To Reveal Himself!”**

There Are Many Examples – Here Are A Few From Both Testaments!

**OT: 1) Noah 2) Joseph 3) Moses 4) Joshua 5) Mordecai 6) David
& 7) Meshach, Shadrach, & Abednego**

**NT: 1) Zachariah 2) Jesus’ Birth 3) John Baptist 4) Jesus’ Death 5) Jesus’ Resurrection
6) Paul (Conversion) & 7) Peter (Pentecost)**

Q: “What Was God Trying To Reveal To Abram Back Then,
& To Us Today Through His Presence & His Words?”

A: His Eternal Plan For All Of Humanity!

I. God’s Eternal Plan Of “**Community & Fellowship**”

The Plan He Established Before He Created The Universe & Us

II. God’s Eternal Plan Has “**Salvation**” Woven Within It

Even Though He Knew We Would Not Remain Faithful & Fall From His Grace

III. All People Are Inherently Selfish & Choose Their Will & Their Desires Over God’s & Others. They Commit Sin & Separate Themselves From God & Others

IV. Gods Eternal Plan Of “**Community, Fellowship, & Salvation**”

Includes All People On The Earth For All Time (Believers & Unbelievers, Jews & Gentiles)

V. God Has Been Speaking His Eternal Plan Of “**Community, Fellowship, & Salvation**”

Since The Beginning Of Time Through:

1) His Written Word – **Logos**

2) His Spoken Word – **Rhema**

3) His Creation – **Order & Design**

4) His Signs – **Miracles & Wonders**

5) His Angels – **Dreams, Visions, Appearance, & Revelation**

6) His People – **Actions & Words**

7) Himself - **Dreams & Visions (Theophany)**, Direct **Visitation & Revelation (Epiphany)**

VI. God Has Given Us All A Freewill To Choose How We Want To Respond To Him

And To His Eternal Plan Of “**Community, Fellowship, & Salvation**”

VII. God Always Keeps His Promises & His Word

He Is Always Faithful, No Matter What We Choose!

Q: “So When God Commanded Abram To Go & Obey
What Was God Actually Asking Of Him?”

In Other Words:

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“What Was Abram To Go Out From?”

Or

“What Was Abram To Leave Behind?”

A: Four Precious Possessions (**v. 1a**)

1) His Country (His Birthplace – His People)

2) His Family (His Relationships – His Family & Friends)

3) His House (His Home – His Protection & Security)

4) His Land (His Inheritance – His Livelihood)

Q: “So When God Commanded Abram To Hear & Believe
What Was God Actually Promising Him?”

In Other Words:

Q

“What Was Abram To Go Out To?”

Or

“What Was Abram To Gain Ahead?”

A: Four Precious Blessings (**vs. 1b – 2 & 3b**)

1) Promised Country (Earthly Inheritance – Abundant Livelihood)

2) Promised Family (Eternal Family – God’s People)

3) Promised Home (Eternal Protection – Eternal Security)

4) Promised Land (Eternal Inheritance – Heaven)

Q: *“So When God Spoke Then & God Speaks Today
What Is God Really Saying?”*

In Other Words:

Q: *“What Was God Really Asking Of Abram Then?”*

&

Q: *“What Is God Really Asking Of Us Today?”*

A1: To Intentionally Set Ourselves Apart Daily To Come Into His Presence!

A2: To Set Ourselves Apart For His Use & His Use Only!

A3: To Actively Listen To His Words (*Logos*) & His Voice (*Rhema*) In Our Daily Lives!

A4: To Receive What He Offers!

A5: To Not Count The Cost!

A6: To Obey Him Completely!

A7: To Trust Him Completely!

Q: *“What Did Abram Do In Response To God Speaking (*Rhema*) To Him?”*

A: Abram Did Whatever God Told Him – Abram Acted In Obedience!

Q: *“What Did God Do In Response To Abram’s Obedience?”*

A: Everything God Promised Abram He Did – God Was Faithful!

So Far, We Have Heard God’s Plan For Us

Now, Let’s Hear About God’s Promise To Us!

Recall God’s Promise To Abram

“And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed!”

Genesis 12:3b

Q: *“What Did God Promise To Do To Bless Us All?”*

A1: To Give Us His Only Son!

A2: To Give Us Himself!

A3: To Give Us His Eternal Presence!

Recall God’s Promise (*Spoken Rhema*)

To Adam & Eve (His Children) & His Curse On Satan (Serpent)

*“And I will put enmity Between you (*Serpent*) & the woman, & between your seed & her seed (*Children*); He (*My Son*) shall bruise you (*Satan*) on the head, & you (*Devil*) shall bruise him on the heel.”*

Genesis 3:15

Now Recall God’s Word (*Recorded Logos*) Through The Apostle Paul

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the Adoption as Sons & Daughters. Because you are Children, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into Our Hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ Therefore, you are no longer a Slave, but a Child; & if a Son or Daughter, then an Heir through God!”

Galatians 4:4-7

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*“What Will You & I Do This Week; When God’s Presence Within Us,
Speaks *His Rhema* To Us To Give Us A Plan & A Promise?”*