

Read Selectively

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Genesis 11:27-12:9

The call of Abraham to leave his homeland and travel to Canaan is familiar to many people. We find it admirable that Abraham was so faithful and obedient. Yet many people have never read this account selectively. If we apply our set of six questions to this text, we may find a new level of respect for Abraham's obedience to God.

- 1) Who are the people mentioned in this passage?

- 2) What is happening?

- 3) Where is the action taking place?

- 4) When does this event take place? Don't worry so much about determining a precise year. More importantly, determine its importance in the flow of Bible history.

- 5) Why do you think God put this story in the Bible?

- 6) Finally, since God did include this account in Scripture, what are we suppose to learn from it? What does this bit of ancient history have to do with your life today?

- 7) By reading selectively, do you notice more of a family attachment that you might have not seen before? Many people will follow God's call when it's convenient to do so, but far fewer are more willing to place God above the comforts of home and the security of a strong family bond. Abraham did both and was rewarded for doing so.