

ABRAM TO LEAVE

GENESIS 12: The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.”

Scripture is not clear who Abram’s people were. All we know is Abram’s father had relocated the family from Ur to Haran. They settled there and became prosperous and comfortable. His father’s household is not clearly defined.

What was the purpose of God’s command to leave? From the time of Adam, the knowledge of the one true God was common to all. Some chose to follow some chose not to. Abram chose to follow the one true God. Abram’s father, family and the culture of Haran where they were living, were all sun worshipers. Abram was comfortable and prosperous in Haran. It is easy to stray or be tempted in familiar and comfortable surroundings. God knew this and instructed Abram to leave and go to where he would be a stranger. So, Abram left his father’s house hold (his father was 170 years old at that time and lived another 35 years). He left his family (other than his father “the family” is not well defined). He left the city of the sun worshipers.

So how do we apply this scripture lesson to our lives? Simply spoken anything that distracts us from a close relationship with God we must leave behind.

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