



**STRONG'S HEBREW/GREEK DEFINITIONS**



- 1 **CALLED (H7121)** "Qara" - to call out to, addressing by name; cry unto i.e. Gen. 12:8
- 2 **STRONG (G1743)** "Endunamoo" - to empower; enable, increase in, strengthen, be made strong i.e. Rom. 4:20

**ACCOUNTS OF ABRAHAM'S LIFE**

- A Time of Famine - Genesis 12
- A Time of Conflict - Genesis 13-14
- A Time of Waiting - Genesis 15-17
- A Time of Interceding - Gen. 18-19
- A Time of Testing - Genesis 20-22

AS WE STUDY THE ACCOUNTS OF ABRAHAM'S LIFE, WE SEE A TRANSFORMATION FROM TRUSTING HIMSELF FOR PROTECTION TO CALLING UPON THE LORD IN EVERY TIME OF NEED.

**TEXT OF THE WEEK**

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."  
- Galatians 3:22

# ARE YOU CALLING UPON THE LORD?

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A BIBLICAL STUDY of Genesis 12

## "There Abram Called Upon the Name of the Lord"

**THE PROMISE**

1. Read the promise God gave to Abram. (Gen. 12:2-3, 7) How is this promise interpreted if it were strictly physical or historical?
  - What was God's spiritual intent for this promise? Galatians 3:8-12
2. To whom was the promise made? Gen. 12:7; Gal. 3:16, 22
  - Who are those who believe?
3. Notice this promise was given to Abraham *before* Scripture gives any account of Abraham's life. Why is this timing significant? Romans 4:2-8
  - In what condition was Abraham before receiving the promise? Ro. 4:10-11
4. What is the result of the promise? Ro. 4:20-25, Gal. 2:20

**THE EVIDENCE**

5. Notice the evidence that Abram was an heir of the promise. Should this evidence be apparent in every heir of the promise?
  - Gen. 12:7-8
  - Gen. 15:6
6. Read the account of the time of famine (Gen. 12:10-20). Did Abram rely on God or himself for protection?
  - Why is it a natural instinct to rely on ourselves?
  - What did he do after the account of the famine? Gen. 13:4
7. DISCUSS: What does it mean to "call upon the name of the Lord"?
  - When *don't* we call upon His name? Afraid of the answer? Uncertain of the timing for an answer? Feeling separated by sin?
  - *When does* a child of God call upon the name of the Lord?
    1. Psalm 116 (with a special emphasis on verses 2-4, 12-13 and 16-17)
    2. Psalm 18: 1-6, 16-21.
  - After time(s) of affliction, what if a person *still doesn't* call upon the name of the Lord?
8. Why were all these things written? Ro. 15:4
9. CONCLUDE with discussion:

*Look at the age of Abraham from the beginning to the end of the Biblical accounts of his life. Why does it take so many years to spiritually mature? Could it be that this spiritual maturing is the same as the "sanctification" process?*

*Looking back in your life, do you see a sanctification process in the past 5-10 years or do you see yourself continually fighting to protect or excuse yourself?*

*Do you call upon the name of the Lord? "Lord have mercy on me a sinner."*