

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

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**Title: ABRAM VS. BABEL**

**Main Text:** Genesis 12:1-9

**Aim:** TO GLORIFY GOD BY SETTING HIS GOSPEL CALL AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF MAN'S VAIN AMBITIONS.

**Sermon Description:** The significance of this moment in covenant/redemptive history cannot be overstated. The narrative context reflects as much in the structure of Genesis (not to mention the rest of the Bible). Up to this point, 11 chapters have chronicled many centuries and many generations following the elect line of Seth through to Noah, and the elect line of Shem through to Abram. The remaining 39 chapters of Genesis will now be dedicated to recording events spanning just 4 generations, Abraham – Isaac – Jacob – & Joseph (+brothers). This record begins at the calling Abram from among the post-Babel dispersed nations. Major themes are in play at this juncture which will blossom through all of scripture. For the purposes of our study today, however, let us consider the call of Abram. Separated by genealogy, the narrative places a city of man building project in juxtaposition to the calling of a patriarch to leave his familiar surroundings and journey to a place in faith. He was to be a sojourner with hope set on a city whose designer and builder was God. Here we have the legacy of Seth set in contrast to the legacy of Ham. City builders vs. a significant son...

**Heading: THE COVENANT CALLING OF ABRAM MARKED BY...**

**1. GOD'S WORD OF COMMAND** (Gen 12:1)

- a. Calling 1 man
- b. From country, kindred, house (Josh 24:2-4)
- c. To an undisclosed land (Heb 11:9-16)

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**2. GOD'S WORD OF PROMISE** (12:2-3)

- a. Great nation & name
- b. Definitive relationships
- c. Families in Abram (Gal 3:16)

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**3. APPOINTED PILGRIMAGE** (12:4-9)

- a. Obedience & faith (Heb 11:9-16)
- b. Divine appearance
- c. Altar worship

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**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Command	Promise	Pilgrimage	Contrast	Commentary	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Gen 12:1	12:2-3	12:4-9	11:1-9	Heb 11:9-16	Gen 12