

# Abraham's Altars - Week 4

## The Second Altar

### Gen 12:10 - 13:4

Gen 12:10 Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. 11 As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. 12 When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. 13 Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you." 14 When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was a very beautiful woman. 15 And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. 16 He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, menservants and maidservants, and camels. 17 But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. 18 So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!" 20 Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had. 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. 2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. 3 From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier 4 and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.

- Abram (soon to be Abraham) abandoned his temporal \_\_\_\_\_ for a future filled with \_\_\_\_\_; his faith went beyond what human eyes could see or his human mind could comprehend.
- Last week, we saw him build the altar of \_\_\_\_\_. Now, right away there is the test of \_\_\_\_\_ and faith in God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Abraham deceives and lies, and has to get a lesson on \_\_\_\_\_ from Pharaoh.

#### Altar # 2

He returns and finds the altar of worship destroyed, and must build a new altar. This second altar is called the Altar of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Four Facts About the Descent Into "Egypt"

1. The descent into Egypt always brings \_\_\_\_\_.  
I have never met a Christian on the run from God, doing his own thing, his own way, who has found \_\_\_\_\_ in his own personal Egypt. They \_\_\_\_\_, they want, they worry, they waver, and they cease to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The descent into Egypt brings a \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith.  
The walk of \_\_\_\_\_ is a turning away from faith-- back to the faithless, carnal walk.
3. The descent into Egypt will always bring the practice of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The descent into Egypt will put our loved one in \_\_\_\_\_.

### At the Altar of Grace

1. God allows us to see the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin.
2. God allows us to be delivered from our worst enemy: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The little faith we have at times is usually caused by our lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our ability to \_\_\_\_\_ is measured by our understanding the Lord, and what His Word says.
3. Grace allows us to receive divine \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Pharaoh had more \_\_\_\_\_ of God than Abraham.

Abraham comes back to Bethel, and finds the altar of worship has been torn down by the pagans in the land. Abraham begins to rebuild the altar. He cries out for God's \_\_\_\_\_ and grace, and finds it.

4. There is a place for \_\_\_\_\_.