

Genesis 12:1-4 New International Version

The Call of Abram

12 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

- 2 “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.^[a]
- 3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”^[b]

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Footnotes

a. Genesis 12:2 Or *be seen as blessed*

b. Genesis 12:3 Or *earth / will use your name in blessings* (see 48:20)

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[Genesis 13](#) >

Psalm 121 New International Version

Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- 6 the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
- 8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

< [Psalm 120](#)

[Psalm 122](#) >

Romans 4:1-5 New International Version

Abraham Justified by Faith

4 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? **2** If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. **3** What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."^[a]

4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. **5** However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

Footnotes

a. [Romans 4:3](#) Gen. 15:6; also in verse 22

< [Romans 3](#)

[Romans 5](#) >

Romans 4:13-17 New International Version

13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. **14** For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, **15** because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. **17** As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."^[a] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Footnotes

a. [Romans 4:17](#) Gen. 17:5

< [Romans 3](#)

[Romans 5](#) >

Matthew 17:1-9 New International Version

The Transfiguration

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2** There he was transfigured before

them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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