

How Firm a Foundation: Abraham parts 1-2 “God Said/God Separated”

Genesis 1-11

Then God said...

1:3-4 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. God saw that the light was good;

And God separated...

1:4-5 and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night.

1:14-18 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be **for signs** and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be **for lights** in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so...

God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to **govern** the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 12-50

Now the Lord said to Abram...

“Go forth...and I will...”

And God separated...

- From Abram’s country,
- And from his relatives
- And from his father’s house.
- From Lot’s family.
- From Egypt.
- From Sodom/Gomorrah.
- From all the Gentile ways.
- From Ishmael.
- (Later...Jacob from Esau.)

Light to the Gentiles

- Shechem: he built an altar (12:7)
- Bethel: he built an altar (12:8,13:14)
- Hebron: he built an altar (13:18)
- Beersheba: he planted a tree (21:33)
- (Jeru)Salem: he built an altar (22:9)

To Govern

- God afflicts Pharaoh
- Refuses wealth of Sodom
- Was told of God’s Judgment
- Interceded for Lot (S/G)
- Interceded for Abimelech

Exodus

Then God spoke all these words, saying, “I am **the LORD your God**, who brought you out of the **land** of Egypt, out of the **house of slavery**.” Exodus 20:2
Ten Commandments

Leviticus

I have said to you, “You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it... I am the **LORD your God**, who has **separated you from the peoples**...Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the **LORD** am holy; and I have **set you apart** from the peoples to be Mine. Lev. 20:24-26

Numbers

“Thus you shall **separate** the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and **the Levites shall be Mine.**” Numbers 8:14

(The Nazarite) shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which **he separated himself to the LORD**; Numbers 6:5

Deuteronomy

...man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the **mouth of the LORD**. Deuteronomy 8:3
See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity. Deut. 30:15

Have I received the Word of God and responded to it? to Jesus?
Have I received the fact that God has separated me from the worldly system for His purposes on earth?