

A PLACE OF WORSHIP



Psalms 121:1 I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from? **2** My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

THE HOUSE, THE ALTAR, AND THE NAME

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said* to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2** And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. **5** And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, **6** Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak* of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **7** Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. **8** From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. **9** And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Genesis 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb. **2** Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. **3** And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, **4** to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD.

1. The House and the Altar

Psalms 43:3 Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. **4** Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

1 Peter 2:5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

2. The Name of the Lord

Genesis 15:1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

Genesis 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.

Psalms 105:10 give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

John 17:6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. **26** I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."