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ABRAHAM PART 6
LEAVING BETH-EL

We saw yesterday that Abram settled for a brief period near Beth-el (*Pr. Beth-El meaning House of God*) and built an altar there for worship. However, after a while he got “itchy feet” and moved on further south. The “Negev” was to the south. It has long been known as a wilderness area with a rather dry climate. There he encountered severe famine.

By reason of the famine, he decided to move to Egypt where it was known that food was in sufficient supply. God did not direct him to go there; it was by his own reasoning and choice. He chose to leave the land of Canaan to which God had sent him. This choice caused some difficulty that we shall speak of later.

When God lets us know “where” we should be, we should stay in that “place” or situation. We should not by our own reasoning, or “second guessing” change the situation and do something different. We must “stay put” until He leads us to something else. He knows what lies ahead. He knows what is best for you. As smart as you think you are, He knows better than you.

Holy Spirit is your Guide. Follow His leading. If you feel He is leading you into something different, ask Him for confirmation. Such confirmation will come from “two or three witnesses.” If there is no independent confirmation, then it probably was not the Holy Spirit’s leading. Pray, study the Word, seek the Lord’s face earnestly, and await confirmation.