

HE IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE CALLED THEIR GOD

Text: Hebrews 11:8-16

Abraham was:

- **Saved - Genesis 12:1** Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: *Abraham was from Ur of the Chaldees, a great trade city that was advanced civilization for its time but was a place of idolatry. The city had a great ziggurat (a pyramid temple) built to the moon god Nanna and Abraham's father was idol maker and seller.*
- **Sojourner** – *A temporary resident or traveler who dwells in a place for a time.* **Hebrews 11:9** By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: *Tabernacles are tents. Ur of the Chaldees was a city of brick homes.* **Genesis 13:14-17** And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.
- **Stranger** – In Genesis 23, Sarah dies being a 127 years old and Abraham appeals to the leaders and elders of that land to buy land to bury Sarah on. When Abraham makes his appeal, he starts out by saying that he is a stranger and a sojourner with them. Now Abraham had lived among these people for 62 years...nearly half of his life. The first definition of the word *stranger* is one who belongs to another country. He wanted them to know that though he lived among them, he was not one of them. Even though he was a stranger, he was not isolated from them...the people of that country knew Abraham and they had great respect for him **Genesis 23:5-6** And the children of Heth

answered Abraham, saying unto him, Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead. Though Abraham declared that he was a stranger, he was not a pharisee. He lived among them without becoming like them.

- **Searcher - Hebrews 11:10** For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. **Hebrews 11:13-16** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. *Abraham turned his back on his homeland, and anything that this world had to offer him. He and his wife were heavenly minded people searching for a heavenly city and desiring a better country to the point that they confessed that this world was not their home.*