

America: Blessed to Be a Blessing

Genesis 12:1-3

12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go 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. **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."

Our Forefathers Heard a Call

(Verse 1) The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

They Set Out on a Long and Costly Journey

(Verse 1b) ... "Leave your country, your people and your father's household...

They Had the Dream of Becoming a Great Nation

(Verse 2) "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you.

We Must Acknowledge that America Has Been Blessed by God

America Has Been Blessed to be a Blessing to the World

(Verse 3) ...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

A> We can be a blessing by giving the world an example of how people can live in freedom and respect.

B> We can be a blessing by using our influence to promote human rights and religious freedom for all people.

C> We can be a blessing by making our nation a lighthouse from which the good news of God's love shines into all nations.

To Be a Blessing, We Must Be Ready to Serve

When you pray “*God bless America,*” be sure to say “*Here am I, send me.*”