

## **Abraham and Faith**

Abraham lived in the land of Chaldeans in Hara with his relatives and family. He owned a large property and had slaves, servants and cattle. The natives were wicked people who prayed to statues but Abraham prayed to God. The Lord called him and said: "Abraham, leave your country, your relatives and your family and I will send you to a new land".

Abraham did not know even the name of the city? Will the Lord leave him alone? No, the Lord will bless Abraham and will give him more than what he expects. The Lord said to him, "I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you and will make your name great". Abraham obeyed God. He gathered his slaves and servants and said to them, "Be ready to leave this land". The men and women asked, "Where to?" Abraham said, "To a new land". They asked him, "Where is this new land?" He said, "I do not know its name but the Lord is with us and He will show us the land". The servants asked one another what happened to father Abraham. But Abraham was a believer. Abraham believed in God and said, "If we live, we live to the Lord". Abraham took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew and left his country and family. Abraham arranged for the trip. The cattle, the slaves and the servants went ahead. They were praying on their way. The Lord protected them from fierce animals, hunger and disease. They thanked the Lord and praised him. Abraham arrived at the Land of Canaan. The Lord appeared to Abraham and said, "I will give you this land. I am with you". Abraham was happy because the Lord was with him. To express his thanks, he built an altar. He gathered big stones, put them in order one upon the other. He prepared a sacrifice and put it on the altar. The natives knew that Abraham worshipped God and did not worship idols.