

REPENTANCE: *LEAVING OUR IDOLS BEHIND*

(Genesis 12:1-9)

INTRODUCTION: *Every relationship we have is based on repentance & forgiveness . . .*

I. THE FIRST COMMANDMENT GOD GAVE TO MOSES:

No other gods before Me

- A. Abram had false gods; he was an idol worshipper (Genesis 12:1)
- B. Joshua tells us this very thing about Abram (Joshua 24:2)
- C. We may claim to have no false gods . . . but we certainly do!
- D. Let's list some of our false gods . . .

II. GOD CALLED ABRAM TO COME OUT OF A HOSTILE IDOLATROUS PLACE

- A. The truth is we are all idolaters at heart
- B. What we love most is ourselves
[Luther: "we are turned in on ourselves"]
- C. Note: It was God Who called Abram out of idolatry;
Abram didn't decide to do it
- D. God called Abram out of idolatry the same way He calls us:
by the power of His Word



III. AS GOD CALLS US, WE TOO LEAVE OUR IDOLS BEHIND

- A. **Repentance** means *leaving our idols behind*
- B. We note what St. Paul says in Romans 6:1 about
sin, idols & repentance
- C. Lent is THE season of repentance (1John 1:9)
- D. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross also forgive the sin of idolatry

CONCLUSION: *Repentance is indeed –
leaving our idols behind . . .
in the name of Jesus*