SERMON OUTLINE -- MARCH 8, 2020

REPENTANCE: LEAVING OUR IDOLS BEHIND

(Genesis 12:1-9)

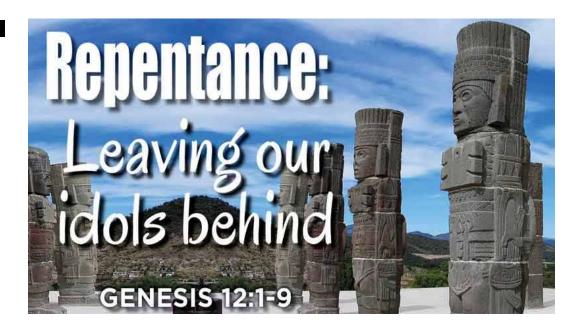
INTRODUCTION: Every relationship we have is based on repentance & forgiveness . . .

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