

## **Thought for the day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### **Escape to the country – Rev John Marshall**

I am very fond of day time television. To be honest I am very fond of evening and late night television.

One programme I like to watch is Escape to the country. I enjoy looking at beautiful countryside from all around and it is enjoyable to be reminded of places you know and also to be introduced to places you don't.

It is interesting to see how the escapees react to the houses.

I am reminded of Abram who escaped the city of Ur for a new country. And when I looked up the story in Genesis 12, I found out that I had misremembered. The family had moved earlier.

Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (Haran's son), and Sarai his daughter-in-law, (his son Abram's wife) and set out with them from Ur of the Chaldees for the land of Canaan. But when they got as far as Haran, they settled down there. (Genesis 11. 30-31)

But Chapter 12 says, God told Abram, "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you. I'll make you a great nation and bless you. I'll make you famous; you'll be a blessing, I'll bless those who bless you, those who curse you I'll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram left just as God said, and Lot with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran." (With his wife, nephew, possessions and people they had gotten in Haran.)

And he set out for the land of Canaan, and arrived safe and sound.

God appeared to Abram and said "I will give this land to your children." Genesis 11.1-7 The Message.

So the adventure starts. And we can go along for the ride in Genesis. There are ups and downs but we know that the whole world was blessed through him.

Let us give thanks for the story of Abram/Abraham and our Lord Jesus Christ.