

I AM BECAUSE HE IS

Genesis 15:1-21

Galatians 3:9, So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Genesis 15:1, After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.

Psalms 138:8 (NASB), The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your faithfulness, LORD, is everlasting; Do not abandon the works of Your hands.

Genesis 15:2-3, ² But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

The Importance of Waiting on God

Psalms 27:1-3, ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? ² When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. ³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Psalms 27:13-14, ¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

❖ Waiting on God as He works is how we experience His goodness!

Psalms 37 - Trusting God requires doing what he asks, living in joy, embracing His hopes, committing our ways to Him, being still before the Lord, remaining patient, refraining from all negative emotions like fear, doubt, envy, revenge etc. and standing against plots of the wicked.

Waiting Upon God Successfully

1) Allow God to guide us amidst PERPLEXITY.

Genesis 15:3-4, ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” ⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”

How to wait upon God:

- a. Chuwl - writhing in anxious longing - Job 35:14
- b. Chakah - a long enduring wait - Job 3:21
- c. Yachal - waiting with hope - Job 14:14-15
- d. Quavah - to wait with expectation - Psalm 40:1-2

2) Allow God to define our POTENTIAL.

Genesis 15:5-7, ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. ⁷ He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

2 Corinthians 4:1

3) Trust God’s POWER to fulfill His PROMISES.

Genesis 15:8-10, ⁸ But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?” ⁹ So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other . . .

Genesis 15:1, 4, 9

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?