



Real Life has Real Issues

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How can you know for sure God is for you?

Gen 15 >>> Psalm 22

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Vision Matters

- Vision is essential to navigating life well.
- How much more your _____ vision.

Context Matters

- It is essential to explore the _____ through the eyes of the _____ Israelites.

You are made for a deep into _____ relationship with God.

- God made you _____.
- You are wired to thrive in His _____.

The more an Image Bearer flees God's presence

- The more _____ in one's life.
- The more _____ we become

God comes to Abram and Sarah He pursues them. He loves them.

God comes to you. He _____ you so much

- He likes _____.
- He _____ you.
- He _____ you.
- He pursues you to bring you out of the dark and miserable chaos of the world unto himself.

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Abraham and God have a _____ to _____.
(So intense, the Sacred Text does an aside.)

Abraham needs tangible proof to _____!

The Blood Path of Covenant

The shockingly wonderful plot twist.

Psalm 22: Body _____ – Blood _____ for You

God's Nature and Essence

- Have you ever encountered such _____.
- Such a _____.
- Such _____.

So believe in him.

- Love him.
- Adore Him.
- Serve Him.
- And trust Him for a _____.

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Genesis 15

15 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.”

2 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, [Look!] what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit[c] my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so [Look!] a servant in my household will be my heir.”

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: “[Look!] This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” 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[d] 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.”

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; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. 11 Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. 13 Then the Lord

said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. 14 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. 15 You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. 16 In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi[e] of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates— 19 the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, 20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, 21 Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.”

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

6 But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

7 All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

8 "He trusts in the Lord," they say,
"let the Lord rescue him."

12 Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

13 Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.

14 I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

16 Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce[e] my hands and my feet.

17 All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.

18 They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.