

Journeys OF Faith

The God of

Abraham • Isaac • Jacob

Promise of a Son!

Genesis 15

“Abram's victory over the 4 kings in Genesis 14 may have given him a sense of elevation, pleased with the outcome. Lest Abram should be too much elevated and pleased with that, God comes to him, to tell him he had better things in store for him.” Matthew Henry

“This is a promise of infinite length, of unbounded breadth, and of unutterable preciousness.” C.H. Spurgeon

1 After these things the word of the LORD
came to Abram in a vision, saying,
“Do not fear, Abram,
I am a shield to you;
Your reward shall be very great.”

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2 Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

God's Promise 1

Abram's Question 2

- After these things...
- Do not become enamored with things below!
- "I am a Shield"
- "Your Reward"
- I have a suggestion...

“The Lord is my strength” inwardly, “and my shield” outwardly. Faith finds both these in Jehovah, and the one not without the other, for what is a shield without strength, or strength without a shield?

Walter Wilson

3 And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir."

“God did not expect Abraham and Sarah to figure out how to have an heir; all He asked was that they be available so He could accomplish His purposes in and through them.” Warren Wiersbe

4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir."

5 And He took him outside and said,
“Now look toward the heavens,
and count the stars, if you are able to
count them.” And He said to him,
“So shall your descendants be.”

God's Sign 3-5

- “Reward” = heritage
- Your promise – Your provision
- No – My way – My time!
- How many? Count the stars!

“One of the basic lessons in “the school of faith” is: God’s will must be fulfilled in God’s way and in God’s time.”

Warren Wiersbe

6 Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Believed - Counted

- THE NATURE OF FAITH – The essence of faith is absolute reliance (trust) upon the Lord.
- THE OBJECT OF FAITH – Our faith must be upon a person, not an object. Abraham “believed in the Lord.”
- THE EFFECT OF FAITH – Righteousness is imputed to those who put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 Cor. 5:21 “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

7 And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

8 He said, “O Lord GOD, how may I know
that I will possess it?”

A background image of a starry night sky. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous bright white and yellow stars of varying sizes. Some stars have prominent diffraction spikes. In the upper right quadrant, there is a large, diffuse nebula with a purple and pinkish hue. The overall scene is a deep space or night sky view.

How Can I Know?

Genesis 15

God's Promise 7

Abram's Question 8

- "I have brought you..."
- "Lord GOD"
- Moses & Exodus – David & Protections
- "How may I know?"
- Assurances to God's promises is His Word!

"Christ never failed to distinguish
between doubt and unbelief."

Henry Drummond

9 So He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

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11 The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him.

13 God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

14 But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

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15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.

16 Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”

17 It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces.

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant
with Abram, saying,
“To your descendants I have given this land,
From the river of Egypt as far as the great
river, the river Euphrates:

19-21 the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.”



God's Sign 9-21

- Promise of descendants – Adam
- Promise of descendants – Noah
- Promise of descendant – Abram
- Blood – Fire!
- Offering animals – clean & innocent

“What Abraham and Sarah did not realize was that God was waiting for them to be “as good as dead” so that God alone would receive the demonstrate His power and receive the glory.” Warren Wiersbe

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How can I know? Trust Him!

- "Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief.
- Doubt is can't believe; unbelief is won't believe.
- Doubt is honesty; unbelief is obstinacy.
- Doubt is looking for light; unbelief is being content with darkness."

Henry Drummond, a 19th-century Scottish evangelist