**Genesis 15 - God's Covenant with Abram**

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

7 Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." 8 And he said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?" 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates — 19 the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

J. Hudson Taylor - "I cannot read; I cannot think; I cannot even pray; but I can trust."

Abraham had three great concerns during that "dark-night" experience, God met all three of them:

**(1) His** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Gen 15:1)**

Do not be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

This is the first time in the Bible you find the phrase "the word of the Lord came"; it is used more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times in the Old Testament.

This is also the first time you find the assuring words "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ " in the Bible.

God's remedy for Abraham's fear was to remind him who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

God's I AM is perfectly adequate for man's "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

Your life is only as big as your faith, and your faith is only as big as your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**(2) His** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Gen 15:2-6)**

Basic lesson:

God's will must be fulfilled in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many stars are there?

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Promises do us no good unless we believe them and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

There are only five words in the Hebrew original of Gen 15:6

The three key words are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Hebrew word translated "believed" means "to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

In the Gospel of John, which was written to tell people how to be saved (John 20:31), the word "believe" is used nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times.

**(3) His** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Gen 15:7-21)**

Jeremiah 34:8-22

When Abraham was concerned about himself, God assured him by saying, "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!"

When he was concerned about his heir, he heard God say, "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!"

His concern about the land was met by God's, "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!"