



God's Covenant with Abram

Genesis 15

How to use this Scripture Engagement



Pray to Begin

Before you start each lesson, ask the Lord to use it to grow you in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Read the Bible passage

Invite God to open your eyes and deepen your understanding of His Word as you read the passage.



Study the Scripture Engagement Guide

Go through the Scripture Engagement study provided to reflect on the meaning, context, and personal application of the passage you've read.



Reflect on the Scripture Engagement Questions

After every teaching, consider the Scripture Engagement questions listed for personal reflection and application and for your small group discussions.



Listen to Dr. J. Vernon McGee's Teaching

If you'd like to hear the complete audio teaching on the passage, [visit ttb.bible](http://ttb.bible) or scan the QR code on the last page to download the THRU the BIBLE app in your own language.



Use our recommended **pause and resume icon**. This will guide you to move through the content thoughtfully and at your own rhythm.

For your consideration

How to use this Scripture Engagement

Page

2

Abram's Faith (Genesis 15:1-6)

Page

4

God's Covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:7-21)

Page

9

God's Covenant with Abram

Dear Heavenly Father,

When fear or doubt fills my heart, remind me of Your promise, "Do not be afraid. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." Help me trust You completely and rest in Your love, knowing You never fail me.

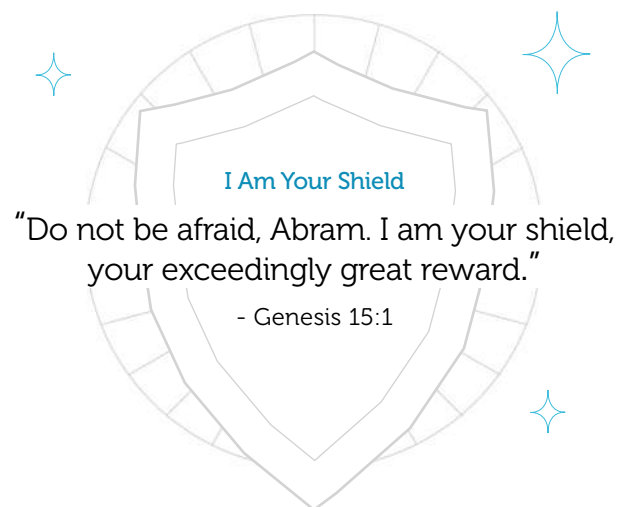
In Jesus's name, Amen.



Abram's Faith



Genesis 15:1-6



After **Abram's courageous rescue of Lot** and his **refusal of the riches from the king of Sodom**, **God appears to him again in a night vision**. This is the **fourth time God has revealed Himself to Abram**, now as the One who **delivered him from Ur** and who continues to **reaffirm His covenant promise**.

The Lord's voice breaks through the stillness, "Do not be afraid, Abram." **God meets His servant with comfort and reassurance**. Perhaps Abram felt the fear of retaliation or the uncertainty of tomorrow. God answers the unspoken question, "I am your shield." **His protection is personal**.



Have you ever feared the cost of obedience?

Abram learns that faith may lead through risk. But every sacrifice made in obedience to God is met with His presence.

Then God adds, "I am your reward." Abram, who had turned away from earthly plunder offered by the king of Sodom, is now offered heaven's portion, God Himself.



What is the greatest reward that you can receive?

Yet the ache of an unfulfilled promise rises in his heart. "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless?" (v.2) Abram's prayer is not polished but sincere. He is not just a religious man, but one who speaks to God with honesty, and God listens.



The Lord replies with patient assurance, "One who will come from your own body shall be your heir." Then He leads Abram outside beneath the night sky. "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them. So shall your descendants be."

The heavens themselves become a message of grace - **limitless, brilliant, and beyond human calculation**. Beneath the vast sky, Abram is reminded that **God's promise reaches farther than his eyes can see and wider than his mind can imagine**.

💬 The stars that he saw includes us. How does it make you feel that God thought of you then?



If you can work for your salvation, then God owes it to you. But, my friend, God never saves by any other means except grace. He has never had any other method of saving, and if you ever get saved, it will be because you believe God, you accept Christ as your Savior, and you believe that God has provided salvation for you.

Standing under that canopy of stars, Abram believes. God has spoken, and that is enough. In this simple moment, Scripture records one of the greatest truths in all of redemptive history:

“

And he believed in the Lord,
and He accounted it to him
for righteousness.

Genesis 15:6

”



The Trustworthiness of
God Himself

God's Character
is reliable
He does not
change
Faith is rooted in
who God is

Who made this promise?
God Himself

What **has God**
already done?



> Past faithfulness
> Previous deliverance
> Evidence from history

**ABRAM'S
FAITH**

Righteous Faith

Genesis 15

Evidence

Faith is not dependent
on visible proof

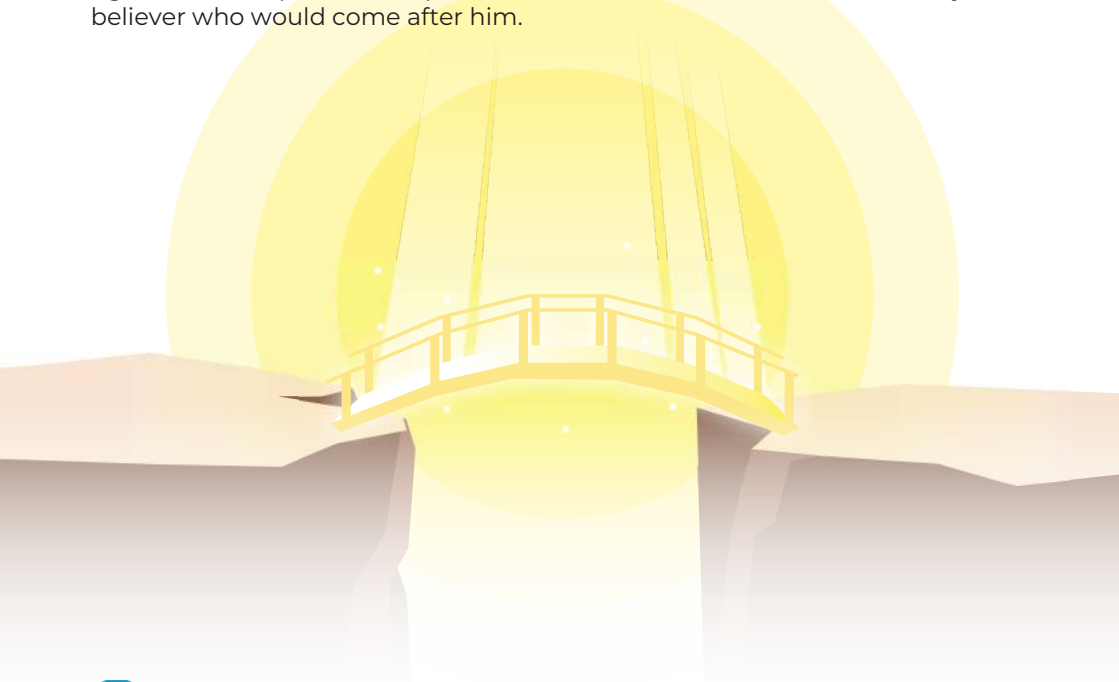
Work

Faith is not earned
by performance

Explanation

Faith does not require
full understanding

Centuries later, the Apostle Paul would point back to this moment to explain how all who believe are justified by faith: “But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness” (*Romans 4:5*). Abram’s faith becomes the model for every believer who would come after him.



 What is your faith built on?

Write down the things you are wrongly basing your faith on. What should you build your faith on instead?

God's Covenant with Abram



Genesis 15:7-21

When Abram asks, “Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?” God responds not with rebuke but with assurance. He invites Abram into a covenant that will make His promise legally and spiritually certain.



Abram gathers the animals, prepares the sacrifice, and waits. As the sun sets, scavenger birds descend upon the carcasses, and Abram drives them away- a picture of perseverance while waiting for God to act.

As darkness falls, **a deep sleep comes over Abram**. In that stillness, God reveals the future: Abram's descendants will live as strangers in a foreign land, serve under bondage for four hundred years, and afterward return with great possessions.

God also shows His patience and mercy toward the Amorites, giving them time to repent before judgment comes.



While Abram slept, **God unfolded the covenant.**

Revelation came not in striving, but **in surrender.**



A **smoking furnace** and a **blazing torch** appear. They symbolize Christ. The furnace speaks of judgment, and the lamp speaks of Him as the light of the world. They move between the pieces of sacrifice. Abram does not walk through them, **God alone does.**

This covenant does not depend on human effort but entirely on God's faithfulness. **Abram contributes nothing; God commits everything.**

What would it mean for you to truly rest while God walks through the covenant for you?



The covenant scene reveals grace at its purest. Centuries later, Christ would walk through the sacrifice of the cross on our behalf, sealing the everlasting covenant of salvation with His blood.

That night, the boundaries of the promised land were marked, and the covenant was sealed with light and fire. **God's Word was enough. His covenant, unbreakable.**



I wasn't even there nineteen hundred years ago to make a contract, but God the Father and God the Son were there, and the Son went to the cross, and He died for my sins. I was paralyzed by sin. I could not promise anything, and you couldn't either.



Reflection

Question 1

How can you live in the peace that comes from knowing God's covenant has already been fulfilled through Christ?

Question 2

How does this passage strengthen your confidence in the promises of God today?



Application

Question 3

Write down ways you will rely on God's grace and not on your strength.

Draw your Application



“What did Abram promise to do? Nothing. He believed God. And God will save you - save you by grace - if you will believe what He has done for you.”



Access Our Resources



Download THRU the BIBLE app and listen to audio bible teachings available in over 200 languages.

Visit ttb.bible



Discover our interactive digital flip book of more volumes in the Scripture Engagement book series on our website.

Visit ttbsa.org