

Week 8

Genesis 13:1-4; Genesis 15:1-18

The Patriarchs

Perhaps the key theme in this entire era is Genesis 15:6, “And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.” God’s relationship with man is not based on man’s worth, strength, power, beauty, or deeds; His relationship with man is based on His faithfulness and man’s faith.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:32- “For the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, but His secret counsel is with the upright.”

Prayer Focus: Ask God to give you someone this week with whom you can share your testimony of God’s faithfulness to you.

Read this week’s Scripture.

1. After Abram leaves Egypt he returns to Canaan. What is the first thing Abram does when he returns to Canaan?

2. What does this tell you about Abram?

3. How does God introduce Himself to Abram?

4. What does this tell you about God?

5. What is a shield and where is a shield placed?

(God promises to be between Abram and his enemies. It is important to note that Abram is tested on whether he would appropriate this promise or live by sight. It’s important that you see that a shield stands between you and the enemy.)

6. What does Abram remind God about?

7. What does God tell him about Eliezer, His servant?

8. How does God illustrate His promise to Abram?

9. How does Abram respond?

10. What attitude pleases God? (Hebrews 11:6)

11. How does God identify himself to Abram?

12. How does God answer Abram's question, "how will I know?" Genesis 15:9

13. What does God promise Abram in his dream?

14. What does God tell Abram about his future descendants?

15. What does this tell you about God? (Isaiah 46:9-10)

16. What does God say will happen to those who enslave Abram's descendants?

17. What does this promise reveal about God's relationship with the enemies of His people?

18. Where will Abram's descendants one day live?

19. How does God establish His promise?

NOTE: God makes the Abrahamic covenant with Abram (15:7-21). The confirmation of the covenant has five parts:

- 1. God reminded Abram of His faithfulness in the past (15:7).**
- 2. God gave a sign to confirm His promise (15:8-12).**
- 3. God specified the provision of the covenant (15:13-16).**
- 4. God ratified the covenant by a divine appearance (15:17).**
- 5. God concluded the covenant with an unconditional promise (15:18).**

20. How many children does Abram have at this point? Name
