

SERMON: GENESIS – ABRAHAM (Genesis 15)

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God continues to seek new beginnings in a world filled with old sin. He makes a promise to Abraham that from him He would bring forth a new nation that will be a beacon of righteousness in a world darkened by sin. He also shows us how righteousness is ultimately obtained – through faith.

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God Promises ...

1. _____ (“I am your shield”)
2. _____ (“your very great reward”)
My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:19

God Gives ...

Genesis 15:4-5

1. _____ (“Look up at the sky and count the stars”)
2. _____ **to Trust!** (“your own flesh and blood will be your heir”)

Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness. – Genesis 15:6

What God Wants: Our _____

Psalm 50:9-12

What God Gives: His _____

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. – Romans 3:21-22

We _____ . God _____ !

“With the exception of faith, we should direct all our works to our neighbor; for God requires us to do no other work for Him except to believe through Christ.”
– Martin Luther



Questions for individual or group reflection:

- How do you think Abram felt when God called him to move from his comfort zone? (Genesis 12:1)
- Did Abram always demonstrate faith in God? (Genesis 12:13)
- How did God protect Abram while he was rescuing his nephew Lot?
- What does God mean when He tells Abram that he is his shield and very great reward? (Genesis 15:1)
- Did this comfort from God cause Abram to stop worrying?
- When Abram doubted, how did God restore his trust? (Genesis 15:2-5)
- Why does God refer to the stars in the sky and grains of sand?
- How hard to you think it was for Abram to believe God’s promise of a son physically born to him?
- What promises has God made to you?
- How has He provided for you and protected you?
- What information has God shown you to remind you of this?
- How is God inviting you to trust Him today?

Taking it home / Memory Verse:

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PHILIPPIANS 4:19

SERVE

*Be sure to fear
the Lord and
serve him
faithfully with
all your heart;
consider what
great things he
has done for you.*

1 Samuel 12:24



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

GENESIS 15:2-3

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him:
“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 be.”

GENESIS 15:4-5

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GENESIS 15:6

⁹ I have **no need** of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, ¹⁰ for every animal of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are Mine. ¹² If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is Mine, and all that is in it.

PSALM 50:9-12

What God Wants: our TRUST

What God Gives: His RIGHTEOUSNESS

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ROMANS 3:21-22

We TRUST. God GIVES!

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is **not from yourselves**, it is **the gift of God**—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

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