

Genesis 15 – The Faith of Abram

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Faith in the Face of Fear:

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” – Genesis 15:1

Faith in the Face of Reality:

2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” – Genesis 15:2-3

4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” – Genesis 15:4

Reference: Exodus 21:6

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Faith in the Promise:

5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." – Genesis 15:5

16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. – Galatians 3:16

Faith in the Seal:

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram [...] – Genesis 15:17-18