



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6 (NAS)

Topic: "Leaning on the Promise"

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- 1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."
- 2 Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"
- 3 And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir."
- 4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir."
- 5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."
- 6 Then he believed in the LORD: and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

I. BOLD ACTION TAKEN

- A. Certain It Was Right At The Time
- B. Followed By A Time Of Questioning The Decision

II. THE FOCUS OF ABRAM'S FEARS

- A. Context Indicates The Previous Chapter
- B. Perhaps Fear Of Allied Enemies
- C. He Should Not Have Passed Up The Great Riches Of Battle

III. ABRAM'S QUESTIONS

- A. Two Essentially Identical Questions
- B. God Graciously Answers
- C. God Answered With A Visual

IV. ABRAM'S RESPONSE

- A. He Believed
- B. The Doctrine Of Justification
- C. False Concepts Of Faith
- D. True Faith May Question *James 1:2-7*

QUESTION: How Can A Sinful Person Be Right With A Holy God?

- A. Abram Believed God
- B. He Believed In The Promise Of A Savior *Galatians 3:16*
- C. He Looked Forward To The Promise *John 8:56*