



EDEN WORSHIP CENTER HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP GUIDE SEPTEMBER 19-24, 2022

This Week's Passage: Genesis 15:1-21

Daily Memory Verse: Genesis 15:6

Song of the Week: God Always Keeps His Promises [Lyrics and Music](#)

Monday, September 19– A Promise Made is a Promise Kept

Read Today's Focus Verses: Genesis 15:1-6

In today's passage, we see the Lord speaking to Abram through a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." These words should be encouraging to Abram, especially after he just returned from rescuing Lot. God's word, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield," makes sense when you know that Abram just returned from a great battle. God's word, "your reward shall be very great," makes sense when you read of Abram's conversation with the king of Sodom (See Ch. 14). When God says that Abram's reward will be "very great," Abram doesn't jump up and down and shout with excitement. He doesn't even give a humble thank you. No, Abram's response seems to come out of nowhere. That is until you realize that Abram is in his mid 80's and has no kids. He is concerned with who he will pass the very great reward on to. And he doesn't want to just pass it on to someone that is not of his own flesh and blood. But God has a plan, and He gives Abram a glimpse of that plan through a promise. God made a promise that Abram's offspring would be more than he could even count. God made a similar promise to the one in this passage earlier. In chapter 13, verse 16, God says, "if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted." And now the Lord says that if Abram can number all the stars, so shall he be able to number all his offspring. Imagine going outside on a calm, cool night with a clear sky and not another light on for miles. How many stars do you think you could count? Do you think you could count them all before the sun came up the next morning? What about all the dust of the earth? Do you think you could count it all? How about just the dust in your home? This is a number so large it's beyond what we can imagine. But God gives another detail on this promise. A detail that I imagine made Abram's heart soar with delight. He was going to have a son! And this son would be his heir! Even though he was way too old to be having kids, Abram believed God. Verse 6 is a greatly treasured verse, "And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. This should be the mark of all Christians. God spoke, and Abram believed Him. We have the very words of God. We should believe them. When we truly believe something, our lives will reflect that belief.

- Has someone ever promised to do something for you that took a long time to happen? As time past what was your attitude like? Were you still trusting that the promise would be fulfilled?
- If you have placed your trust in Christ, does your life reflect where you have placed that trust?

Review memory verse.

Song of the Week

Prayer: Lord help me to believe what You have promised. Lord help me to walk in obedience to Your Word so that Your name may be exalted.

Activity Page: Abraham and the Stars Coloring Page <http://edenworshipcenter.co/resources/household-worship-guide>

Wednesday, September 21– No Innocent People

Read Today's Focus Verses: Genesis 15:7-16

In today's passage, God promises to give Abram the land he was in as his own possession. As we will see later in this chapter, many different people groups already lived in that land. Some people have accused God of being kind of mean because of this. He took land that these cultures had lived in for generations and just gave it to some guy who had been content living in his own country far away. Was God being mean? Let's read the last verse of today's passage again. Abram's descendants would have to wait such a long time before taking possession of the land because God was giving the Amorites enough time to show how wicked they really were (the Amorites represent all the people who lived in Canaan). In other words, there were no innocent people in Canaan. They were totally

wicked and rebellious. The Bible tells us in Leviticus 18:24-28 that acts of sin pollute the land. When people keep on sinning, the pollution gets worse and worse, making the land so sick that, in time, the land vomits out its inhabitants. Obviously, the land can't really vomit people out. This is God's way of saying that He judges a people by bringing in another nation to take over the land. In this case, Israel was to be God's rod of punishment against the Amorites. God even did this against the rebellious Israelites centuries later when He used the cruel Assyrian army as the rod of discipline against Israel for their continual sin (Isa. 10:5-19). God giving the land to Abram wasn't just God choosing to bless Abram. It was also God's way of judging the Amorites for their sin and wickedness. This world likes to accuse God of being mean because they refuse to admit that men are sinful; they view people as innocent. To do otherwise would mean they would have to admit that God is right and they are wrong, and they need a Savior. That is the last thing they want to admit. The truth is, there are no innocent people- anywhere. Romans 3:23 tells us that all have sinned. There has never been a single person in the history of the world who did not sin (other than Jesus, of course). That means that we all deserve the same judgment God poured out on the Amorites. But God has given us an escape through His Son, Jesus. God must judge the sinful, for He is just. Yet, He is also merciful, so He sent His Son for us. Will you accept His mercy or be subject to His justice?

- Why do you think people want to believe that most people are innocent?
- How would you explain Jesus' sacrifice to someone who thinks people are basically innocent?

Review memory verse.

Song of the Week

Prayer: Thank God for sending Jesus to take our place to pay the penalty for our sins since none of us are innocent.

Activity Page: Abram's Land Word Search/Sojourner Maze. <http://edenworshipcenter.co/resources/household-worship-guide>

Friday, September 23- God Walks Alone

Read Today's Focus Verses: Genesis 15:17-21

Although it seems really strange to us, the whole ritual of sacrificing, cutting, and walking between the halves of the animals was an ancient and serious thing. The two people making the covenant walked together between the animals as a promise to keep this covenant. What do we read here? Only God passed between the animals (He was represented by the smoking pot and flaming torch). Abram didn't walk between the animals. That means that in this covenant, it was only God who made a promise. God required no promise from Abram in this covenant. The fulfillment of this covenant was all on God. This covenant was all about who God is and not about who Abram was or what he could do. That means this covenant would never fail because God cannot fail (yes, there are things God cannot do- He cannot lie, He cannot sin, and He cannot fail). That is the wonderful thing about God's promise to save us through Jesus. It is all about who He is and not about anything we can do. Jonathan Edwards, a great preacher from the 1700s, once said, "The only thing we contribute to our salvation is the sin that makes it necessary." The only thing we can bring with us into any covenant or promise is our sin and failure. God, on the other hand, brings everlasting faithfulness. That is why God walks alone. He alone can keep any covenant because He alone can never fail, and He alone is always faithful!

- What's the most exciting thing to you about the fact that God is always faithful? Why?

Review memory verse.

Song of the Week

Prayer: Thank God for His everlasting faithfulness.

Activity Page: River to River Coloring Page <http://edenworshipcenter.co/resources/household-worship-guide>

Saturday, September 24- Prepare for Tomorrow

Review Memory Verse

Read: Ephesians 1

Prayer: Ask God to prepare your heart and the heart of your family to hear the Word of God being proclaimed. Pray that God will find you worshipping Him in both spirit and truth tomorrow.

Song: Show Us Christ

Lyrics and Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLli5SAVMRw>