

June 6: Overview of Genesis 13-15

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

1 summary

This chapter falls into two closely related sections: vv. 1–6 address Abram's concern that he is still childless; vv. 7–21 focus on Abram's desire to have a divine pledge that the land of Canaan will belong to his descendants. Both elements are essential components of nationhood. God's conditional promise in 12:2 that Abram will become a "great nation" is now guaranteed by a covenant, although the fulfillment will not take place until several centuries after Abram's death.¹

2 questions

1. What most stood out to you related to the message? Why?
2. What is the significance of the Covenant renewed in chapter 15 (mentioned already in Genesis 12)?
 - **Insight** – God chose to make this promise a covenant showing that God would make sure it happened.
3. What hope can we find today in God's promise to Abraham that He was his "shield" and "reward"? How have you seen these in your life?
4. Genesis 15:6 is considered a pivotal verse related to salvation by faith rather than works. How does Paul expand on this passage in Romans 4:2-5?
 - **Insight** – Paul uses the example of Abraham to teach salvation by faith (not works) from the Old Testament!

¹ Crossway Bibles, The ESV Study Bible (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2008), 77.

