I. FIRST, NOTICE THE REVELATION OF GOD’S PROTECTION PLAN.
   
   A. Who is speaking here in verse 15? “the word of the Lord”.
      1. This is the Hebrew word “Jehovah”.
      2. It’s God’s “proper name” or His “Holiest name”.
   
   B. When did God promise to protect Abram and also us? “After This” meaning chapter 14.
   
   C. How did God visualize his protection of Abram and us? —"... I am your shield” ...
   
   D. What did God mean by saying He is our shield?
      1. He is our protector, security, guardian, and defender.
      2. Other passages using the word shield—Psalms 3:3, 7:10, 28:7 and 33:20.
         
         3:3-- You, Lord, are a shield around me.
         7:10- My shield is God Most High.
         28:7- The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
         33:20- We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

II. SECOND, NOTICE THE RESULT OF GOD’S PROTECTION PLAN.
   
   A. Abraham was a fearful man.
      1. First, we see his fear when he moved to Egypt for a time with his wife Sarah—Gen. 12:11-13.
      2. Second, we see his fear as he thought he would have no son to follow him—Gen. 15:2.

   B. Now, God promises Abraham that he has nothing to be afraid of—"Do not be afraid, Abram..."
III. THIRD, NOTICE THE REWARD OF GOD’S PROTECTION PLAN.

A. God not only promised to be Abraham’s shield, he also said he was his reward—"I am your shield, your very great reward"

1. In chapter 14 Abraham had refused a reward for rescuing Lot and others who had been kidnapped—Gen. 14:21-23.

2. The point God is now making is that He is Abraham’s reward, a great reward!

3. The word “reward” means “wages”, “earnings”, or the “victor’s spoils”

B. The meaning God may have intended here is “the reward for your faithfulness.”


2. The Apostle Paul would use Abraham’s faithfulness as a picture of the need for our own—Romans 4:20-24.