

A Journey of Faith (Part 5)
A Study of the Life of Abraham
(Gen. 15)

“Packing Your Faith with the Promises of God”

Introduction: Today, God wants the special kind of relationship with us that will allow us to take Him, as our Father at His word. Abram’s relationship with God was characterized by the promises of God and Abram’s response of believing them. Our relationship with God should operate on this same basis. This is why it is so important for us to constantly remind ourselves of the promises of God and examine our responses to them. Today we look at three special promises God made Abram in regards to his fear, faith and his future, and Abram response to them. And if we’ll learn from Abram, we can see what packing our faith with the promises of God can do for us.

I. The promises of God diminish our fears: (v.1)

A. God promises Abram peace – *This is the first time the phrase “fear not” is used in the Bible, but, thank God, it will not be the last!* (Phil 4:6-7; Isa 41:10; 1 Pet 5:7; Jn. 6:17-21)

B. God promises Abram protection - (Ps. 34:7; Col. 3:3)

C. God promise Abram prosperity – (Rom. 8:17; Eph.1:3)

II. The promises of God promote our faith:(v.2-6)

A. Abram’s request – (v.2,3) (Two things are important to see here.)

1. Abram is asking God a question according to the promises of God.
2. Abram was not only not asking in doubt, but he was reclaiming the promises of God.(1 Pet 3:12a).

B. God’s response – (4-6) God’s answer is a firm, reassurance, but not a rebuke.

C. Abram’s reception – (V. 6) is one of the greatest statements of faith in the Bible – “*Abram believed God*”!

III. The promises of God prepare us for our future: (v7-21)

A. A reminder of God’s person – (v.7) A promise is only as good as the ability to perform it.

B. A reminder of God’s power (v.7b) - God reminds Abram that Abram is where he is today because of the power of God. (1 Cor. 15:10)

C. A reminder of God’s purpose (v. 7b) (Ps. 139:2-6; 15-17; Rom. 8:28)

D. A reminder of God’s promise – (v. 8) Abram’s question is not doubt but curiosity. He is merely asking the Lord for more information.

E. A reminder of God’s plan –

Conclusion: Maybe today you’re here looking at your life wondering, How? When? Where? Why? Friend, God is not afraid of your questions. He doesn’t even mind you asking them. But, regardless of how things look or feel, God’s answer is to us as it was to Abram, “Come to Me and I will pack your faith with My promises!”