

SERMON NOTES –30/08/15

“How Do I Know God Will Keep His Promises?”

Genesis 15:1-21

Is the world getting better?

Abraham – what do we know of him?

The context of Genesis 15

“After this ...”

The promise of protection

Sign – God’s Word: “I’ll be your shield”

The promise of a son and a mighty nation

Sign – look at the stars

Signs and covenant promises

Faith and justification

The promise of land

Sign – animal carcasses, smoking pot, blazing torch

To Ponder In A Quiet Moment Or Over a Cuppa With A Friend:

Why do you think Abram questioned God’s promises?

When do you question God?

How is the promise of land fulfilled in Christ? .

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS 30/08/15

Genesis 15:1-21

“How Do I Know God Will Fulfil His Promises?”

1. What promises are given to Abram in Genesis 12 & 15?
2. What events take place prior to and after Genesis 15 that would make the promises challenging to believe?
3. Why would Abram need reassurance that God would protect him? (v.1)
4. God promises to be a “very great reward” to Abram. Can any reward the Lord could give make up for childlessness? If someone said to a childless couple, “All you need is God” how do you think they would respond?
5. What reassurance did God give Abram that he would have a child?
6. “Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.” How was Abram credited with righteousness? Is faith the means or the reason for Abram’s righteousness? What does the “it” refer to? Abram’s belief or something else? (Romans 4)
7. What is essential in saving faith? (Hebrews 11:11-12) How is Abram justified before Christ has died (Romans 3:23-26)? How are we justified?
8. What question did Abram have regarding the land? What sign of confirmation was he given?
9. What did the animal carcasses represent? (See also Jeremiah 34:18-20) What did the smoking pot and the blazing torch represent? What did the birds of prey represent?
10. Why were the ten nations expelled from Canaan (Promised Land)? Where is the Christian’s Promised Land?
11. How much of the promises did Abram see fulfilled? (Hebrews 11:13)
12. How are the promises fulfilled in Christ?

