

# A WORD ON WORSHIP

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### *Genesis 15:18-21*

*“On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land. From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim 21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.”*



Even though we know we're loved, it's nice to hear it over and over again, isn't it? Life is uncertain and unsettling. We need to be assured time and again that we are loved so that we feel secure in our relationships. The same thing is true spiritually. We know that God loves us and that nothing can separate us from His love. But we need to hear it over and over. When things don't seem to be going as we had hoped, when our prayers don't seem to be answered, when trials hit, we need assurance that God is there, that He is for us, that His promises will be fulfilled.

We might think that a giant in faith would not need God's assurance, because his faith would never waver. But that is just not so. Even Abram, our father in the faith, needed to be assured concerning God's promises to him. By faith Abram had obeyed God's call to leave his home in Ur and go forth to the land which God would show him. God promised to give Abram a son and to make of him a great nation through which all families of the earth would be blessed. God promised to give the land of Canaan to Abram and his descendants. But a few years had gone by and Abram still had no son and the Canaanites, not Abram, possessed the land.

Also, Abram had some fears. He had surprised the armies of four eastern kings and rescued his wayward nephew, Lot. And he had given up his right to the spoils of battle, lest he be indebted to the king of Sodom rather than to God. But now he feared retaliation from the eastern kings and he worried about poverty as he lived in the barren land of Canaan. So the Lord told him, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; [I am] your very great reward" (Gen. 15:1). But Abram was still concerned because he had no son. He expressed that concern to the Lord and the Lord graciously confirmed the promise of a son by taking Abram out into the night, showing him the stars, and promising him that his descendants would be as numerous as those stars (15:4-5). Abram "believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness" (15:6)

God wants you to have that same assurance of His promises to you. Perhaps you're in some difficult trial. Look to the sure promises of God's Word, not to your own shaky performance. Submit to Him as the Sovereign Lord and repent of any unbelief, because God's assurance is for believers, not skeptics. And know for certain that His prophetic word will be fulfilled exactly as He has revealed it in His Word. Jesus shall reign! Then, no matter what your circumstances, you can say, the future is as bright as the promises of God!

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