

“THE WALK OF FAITH”

“THE PROMISE OF GOD AND THE PATH OF THE PATRIARCHS”

Part 2 of the Book of Genesis (Chapters 12-50)

PART 31

“BLESSED ASSURANCE”

“When in Doubt, Look Up!”

(Genesis 15:2-6)

INTRODUCTION:

THE PATH AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LIFE OF FAITH:

1. We have learned that the pilgrim life is **problematic**. For faith is often **followed** by **famine**. For faith is always **tested**.
2. We have also learned that the pilgrim life is a **paradox**. For we are, at the same time, the most **permanent** people here and the least **attached**.
 - The life of faith is one of **dependency**, **trusting** God **completely** in spite of **uncertainty** and in the face of **adversity**.
 - The life of faith... is one of **generosity**, **seeing** things **differently**, **holding** things **lightly**, and **sharing** things **freely** in light of **His Sufficiency** and in view of **eternity**.
 - The life of faith... is also one of **integrity**, **pursuing** God's purpose **preeminently** and **prizing** God's glory **supremely**.

1A. THE KINGS AND I:

_____ **AT THE** _____ **(14:1-15:1)**

—A Story of Nine Earthly Kings, One Mysterious King and the King of Kings:

1B. Abram _____ the **unified** _____ of the Kings of the East. (14:13-17)

“After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him,...”

2B. Abram _____ the **unacceptable** _____ of the King of Sodom. (14:21-24)

“I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours,...”

3B. Abram _____ the **unique** _____ of the King of Salem. (14:18-20)

“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ...and Abram gave him a tenth of everything.”

4B. Abram _____ the **ultimate** _____ of the King of Kings. (15:1)

“After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.’”

2A. THE KING AND I:

_____ ON THE _____ (15:1-6)

"Now faith is the **assurance of things hoped for**, the conviction of things not seen."

—Hebrews 11:1

1B. God's _____ that prompts a _____ (15:1)

"After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; **Your reward shall be very great.**'"

2B. Abram's _____ that poses a _____ (15:2-3)

"Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.'"

3B. God's _____ that dispels all _____ (15:4-5)

"Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'This man will not be your heir; **but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.**' And He took him outside and said, '**Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.**' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'"

4B. Moses' _____ that provides core _____ (15:6)

"Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness."

CONCLUSION:

"Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer."

—Galatians 3:6-9