

Wait On The LORD!

Purpose: to encourage God's people to trust Him and be patient.

Do you like waiting? Most of us definitely do not! We do not like waiting in lines for our shopping; we do not like waiting in traffic. We do not like waiting at the bank and we certainly do not like waiting for people who are late! We don't even like waiting for our "fast food" to cook!

But when things are really important, that is when we really become impatient. Yet, patience is a virtue – something that is so important that God considers it a priority and teaches us through it. Abram had to learn it and it took him a bit of time. If we are going to be like him and make a difference in our families, our church and in our communities, then we must learn from his example.

We are going to read Genesis chapter 15 and see what we can learn from Abram once again.

Wait On The Lord! Genesis 15

Let's take a closer look at what actually happened:

God spoke to Abram in a vision.

[Gen 15:1](#) After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Why did God encourage him this way?

- Because of the war that Abram had just fought
- Because of what Abram was thinking afterwards

Abram responds to the Lord God – probably still in a vision –

[Gen 15:2](#) But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

Abram then speaks – perhaps now voicing verbally what he was thinking in the vision.

[Gen 15:3](#) Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

God replies to Abram's concern -

[Gen 15:4-5](#) And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall

be your heir." Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

It seems as if once again the Lord Jesus manifests Himself to Abram:

- ...the word of the LORD **came** to him...
- ...He **brought** him outside...

Abram responds in faith –

[Gen 15:6](#) And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Abram was old and seemed to be running out of time for the promise to come to pass. He prayed to God, who spoke to him, and he believed what God told him.

Trust God, and wait patiently for Him – listen to what David said in Psalm 37:

- Are you worried because of evildoers?
- Is there something that God has promised

James says it this way:

[Jas 1:2-4](#) My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

God reminds Abram of who He is and where he had come from -

[Gen 15:7](#) Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

Abram asked for further confirmation -

[Gen 15:8](#) And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

God gives Abram confirmation and confirms the covenant

Genesis 15:9-21

Conclusion

- Abram learned to trust God by being patient.
- What has God promised you?
- What difficulty are you now facing?
- Let patience have its perfect work – God wants to teach you to trust Him
- If you are determined to be a “difference maker” God will train you through patience!