

Believing the Lord, Part 1

Genesis 15:1-21

Main Point:

Instead of becoming disillusioned with God's Word, be reassured by Him so that you keep believing.

1. Like Abram, you can sometimes become disillusioned with God's Word.
2. God reassures your faith in times of disillusionment by meeting your concerns with confirmation of His Word.
3. God reassures your faith in times of disillusionment by telling you in advance that such situations will come.
4. God reassures your faith in times of disillusionment by having sealed His promises to you with a covenant.
5. Being reassured by God, keep believing His Word.

Quotations and Cross-References

Genesis 12:3 ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you ... (NKJV)

Psalms 13:1 ¹ How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? (NKJV)

Genesis 13:16 ¹⁶ "And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, *then* your descendants also could be numbered. (NKJV)

Romans 2:4 ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? (NKJV)

Acts 14:22 ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." (NKJV)

Romans 7:15 ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. (NKJV)

John 16:1 ¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. (NKJV)

R. Kent Hughes "God (with astounding condescension) was symbolizing that if he were to break his word, he would be sundered like the butchered animals. It was an acted-out, divine self-imprecation guaranteeing that Abram's descendants would get the land or God would die."

Galatians 3:29 ²⁹ ... If you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 1:20 ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. (NKJV)