

## ***Believing the Lord, Part 2***

### **Genesis 15:1-21**

#### Main Point:

God gives salvation in Jesus Christ; believe the promise and let it be shown in your life.

1. God has made a redemptive promise to you.
2. You need to believe this redemptive promise.
3. You need to believe this redemptive promise because it will make you acceptable to God.
4. Believing the promise will make you acceptable to God regardless of what you have done.
5. Believing the promise will radically change the way you live.

**Genesis 12:3** <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (NKJV)

**Galatians 3:8** <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying*, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." (NKJV)

**Allen Ross** "This verse is placed here as a conclusion to the dialogue in which Abram questioned God about the promise, and prior to the enacting of the covenant ... [because] now God will bind himself by covenant to Abram the believer."

**Romans 4:19** <sup>19</sup> And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. (NKJV)

**2 Corinthians 5:21** <sup>21</sup> ... He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NKJV)

**Romans 3:21-22** <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe ... (NKJV)

**Romans 4:1-3** <sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." (NKJV)

**Romans 4:13-14** <sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, (NKJV)

**Galatians 3:17-18** <sup>17</sup> And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. <sup>18</sup> For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise. (NKJV)

**Romans 4:16** <sup>16</sup> Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (NKJV)

**James 2:14-23** <sup>14</sup> What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-- and tremble! <sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? <sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. (NKJV)