

Questions

1. Review Elijah's story in 1 Kings 18:20-19:18. As you consider that story, along with Abram's fear after the victory God gave him in Genesis 14, can you recall a time when you experienced a work of God, but then you quickly regressed into anxiety or succumbed to some temptation? What did you learn from that experience to help you in the future?
2. Identify a verse or passage that you can memorize or keep close at hand that will remind you of how God is the shield who will defend you against Satan, the world, and temptation.
3. What insights does Abram offer into a believer's opportunity to faithfully believe God, while asking questions of Him or expressing discouragement at circumstances?
4. What is the significance of God walking alone through the sacrificed animal carcasses while Abram slept? How is your salvation similar (also consider Galatians 3:13 and Genesis 15:6)?
5. How have you experienced God's patience? Is there someone (or several people) that you are praying regularly for God to save? Praise God for His patience!
6. Can you summarize the doctrine of justification by faith, and why is it so important?

Need prayer?
Someone will be up front by the piano
to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.

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Abram Believed the Lord

Genesis 15

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In Genesis 15 God met a fearful and discouraged Abram, and gave him gracious assurances, a unilateral promise, and patient delay. These truths give hope to us today when we are tempted to be anxious by our circumstances.

In Abram's response, we'll also see the Bible's first explanation of the doctrine of justification by faith.

Abram's fear (15:1)

The LORD met Abram with:

1. Gracious Assurances

2. A Unilateral Promise

3. A Patient Delay

Abraham believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness (15:6)