



June 20th, 2021
Genesis 15:7-21
GOD'S COVENANT

SERMON NOTES

My takeaways:

God's promise to Abram: a _____ and a _____

How do I know I will not _____?

Bad Theology: Wrong _____ of God

If _____ do this, then _____ will do what I want or need

Good Theology:

God's covenant's are not based on
my _____ or _____

Tools For Life:

1. I can _____ God with
my _____ and _____ because He is in control
and faithful

2. When I am falling short, I need to _____ in
God's _____ and not my _____

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What insight, lesson, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? How was your experience with the Life Tool's this past week?

2. Why do you think the Lord reminds Abraham that it was He who "brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess" (15:7)?

3. What does verse 8 tell us about Abram's faith? Is that encouraging or discouraging to you? Why?

4. How did God answer Abram's question in verse 8? What is the significance of cutting the offerings in half and Abram's vision?

5. Does it surprise you that God revealed so much of what would lie ahead to Abram? Explain.

6. What promise that God makes to Abraham amazes you the most? What does it look like to trust in God's promises?

7. How can we know, like Abram, that we will possess all of God's amazing promises?

8. What emotion do you experience when you're reminded that God is actively at work on behalf of His people?

LIFE TOOLS

Parents of Pre-K – 6th: Create with your child a list of encouraging promises to be loving to others like saying something nice to someone each day, sharing something with someone else, helping someone without being asked. Then after a few days of trying it with your children talk about how it went and encourage them when they talk about the ones they were not able to keep, that God actually always keeps His promises.

Parents of Teens: Walk your teen through the way Abram is questioning God, he states in verse 8, "But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?". By prefacing his question with "Sovereign LORD" Abram is respecting God while still inquiring how God will enact his promise given the circumstance. Oftentimes we fail to speak in a way that does not disrespect, however God loves to hear us and wants to provide solace and comfort amidst our worry. Abram models how to do just that.

Singles / Couples: While we would reject the lie of a works based salvation (earning salvation), our thinking often defaults to this understanding when we are struggling with sin. We think we can offset our sin by doing more good things. This is wrong thinking that produces a wrong motivation to good things (works) for God. Spend some time with your spouse/friend and talk about how this wrong thinking sneaks into your life and how it damages your understanding of God. How can you guard against this wrong thinking?