

We are all aware of the state of the world. But the question is, are we aware of the other possibility? The fact is, God is announcing another possibility. Another type of life is possible to us in this world — a life given by God, a life in communion with God, a life under the blessing of God. We see that the godless life leads to misery and turmoil and wretchedness and finally brings down the judgment of God. But here is a life that is absolutely different. This is the life that is offered to us through the message of the Bible. And it is all perfectly summarized, it seems to me, in the case of this man Abraham...he lived like a giant. He lived like a nobleman, the friend of God. That is the life to live. - Martin Lloyd-Jones, *The Gospel in Genesis*

Introduction: chapters 13-15 of the book of Genesis form a literary unit that deals mostly with a single aspect of God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:1). That aspect is the **LAND** (Canaan). Genesis chapters 13-14 serve God's people as encouraging prophecies that predict the blessings that God will give to Abraham's family. Genesis 15 is God's reassurance to a scared Abram that God will - in his own perfect timing - bless the land to Abram's offspring.

I. Abram's AMEN (15:1-6)

- A. The WORD of the Lord came to Abram.
- B. God made a PROMISE.
- C. Abram BELIEVED.
 - 1. Confession of FAITH. Romans 4:20-24
 - 2. Confession of YHWH's LORDSHIP.

II. Abram's OBEDIENCE (15:7-11)

- A. Faith without works is DEAD. James 2:22-24
- B. The Animals, 2 Prophecies:
 - 1. God will come near through the shedding of BLOOD.
 - 2. Abram's family will not be DEVoured.

III. Abram's ASSURANCE (15:12-16)

- A. Abram's offspring will SUFFER.
- B. Abram will have PEACE.
- C. God will drive out the CANAANITES.

IV. Abram's LEGACY (15:17-21)

- A. The OFFSPRING will inherit the land.
- B. God will be faithful to his COVENANT.