

## Genesis 15, Bible Devotions

### ☐ Monday - Do Not Fear!

Genesis 15:1

“After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you’” (Gen. 15:1). “After these things”; that is, after his victory over the invading kings in chapter 14. Often on the heels of a great victory comes great discouragement, because we let down our guard. Compare Elijah after his victory on Mount Carmel (1 Kgs. 18:19-40), trembling with fear in the cave (1 Kgs. 19:4, 9-10). No less than eighty-four times, the Bible issues the command, “Do not fear!” The antidote for fear is faith. Dear Christian, what are you afraid of? “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom. 8:31).  
Read Psalm 27:1-3

### ☐ Tuesday - The Christian’s Shield.

Genesis 15:1

“After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield’” (Gen. 15:1). The Christian life is so assaulted and attacked that God must position Himself as the Christian’s shield. All attacks against us strike Him (Acts 9:1-5). So then, “fear not,” dear Christian, “no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper” (Isa. 54:17), for God is your shield. Yes, “a mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing!” (Luther).  
Read Psalm 3:3, 28:7, 119:114

### ☐ Wednesday - God, Our Reward.

Genesis 15:1

The Lord said the Abram, “I am thy exceeding great reward” (Gen. 15:1, KJV). Abram refused the riches of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 14:21-24), yet enjoyed an “exceeding great reward”; that is, God Himself. “Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and turmoil with it” (Prov. 15:16). “The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One. Many ordinary treasures may be denied him, or if he is allowed to have them, the enjoyment of them will be so tempered that they will never be necessary to his happiness ... for he now has it all in One, and he has it purely, legitimately and forever” (Tozer).  
Read Mark 8:36; Colossians 3:1-3

### ☐ Thursday - Presents or Presence?

Genesis 15:1

The Lord said to Abram, “I am thy exceedingly great reward” (Gen 15:1, KJV). God is not only the Rewarder, but the Reward! But how often do we approach the Lord for His *presents*, rather than His *presence*? Which is greater, the gift or the Gift-giver, the map or the Map-maker? We are terribly irreverent when we treat God as little more than a cosmic candy machine. Dear Christian, God is the Rewarder of those that diligently seek Him! (Heb 11:6).  
Read Philippians 3:7-10

### ☐ Friday - The Essence of Faith.

Genesis 15:6

Abram believed in the Lord; and God reckoned it to him as righteousness (Gen. 15:6). (1) Abram’s faith was a PERSONAL faith – Abram believed *in* the Lord, not merely *about* Him (cf. James 2:19). (2) Abram’s faith was a PROPOSITIONAL faith, based upon God’s promises. (3) Abram’s faith was also a PRACTICAL faith that moved him to action: “By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going” (Heb. 11:8). We are not saved *by* good works (Eph. 2:8-9), but *for* good works (Eph. 2:10). By these three we may test the authenticity of our own faith.  
Read Hebrews 11