



Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Tried and Tested

Passage: Genesis 15 NIV

1. Read Genesis 12:1-9 and Genesis 15:1-7.
 - a. What did God promise Abram?
 - b. What are the implications of the promises God made to Abram?
 - c. What do we learn about God from these two passages?
2. Today's Christian lives under the promises of a new covenant in Christ.
 - a. What promises has God made to those who believe? (Please list/read passages of scripture)
 - b. What do we learn about God from these passages/promises?
3. Genesis 15:6 tells us Abram believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. This means, Abram believed God would accomplish what He promised.
 - a. In what ways do we struggle with unbelief?
 - b. Identify some societal/cultural influences that fuel our unbelief.
 - i. How can we combat these influences? Identify passages of scripture we can appeal to in our fight against unbelief.
4. Read Genesis 15:8-21. In this passage, God makes a covenant with Abram.
 - a. Take some time to carefully consider the events recorded in Genesis 15:8-21. (Retell the story).
 - i. What does this interesting story reveal about God?
 - ii. What's up with the "smoking firepot with a blazing torch?"... Explain the significance of the "smoking pot with the blazing torch" passing in between the pieces of the sacrificed animals.
 - b. By passing through the sacrificed animals on the altar, God was taking it upon Himself to follow through on the promises of the covenant agreement He made with Abram.
 - i. God made a new covenant with us through His Son. What assurance do we have that God will follow through on the promises of the covenant He made with us? Identify passages of scripture to support your answer. (Example: Philippians 1:6, Romans 8:29-30, John 5:24)
 - c. Spend some time in prayer, rejoicing in God and thanking Him for our redemption in Christ.



Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - Jeremiah 17:7-8 ESV

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."