

## He's Trustworthy and True

I love reading and relishing in the wonders of my God, He who speaks those things that are not, as though they were. We are told in Acts 15 that He knew all His works from eternity past... and He will also see to it that they are all fulfilled. What He started He will continue and complete.

This is so illustrated with Abram, who's about to receive a name change, not based on his abilities but according to what was in him and what God promised to do through him.

The things that were written, in Older Testament times, what we're reading right now, what things were written, were written for our insight for our learning, that through the faithfulness of God's favor, throughout history, throughout the Word, we see these testimonies established in the people of God.

So let's spend a few minutes in Genesis 15:12-18

Some 605 years from this conversation in Genesis 15 God will lead His people out of bondage.

The story of redemption is God sending servants — His messengers — to feed, lead, and meet the greatest needs of those who trusted the messengers and the message and ministry He sent. Prefigures of a coming Christ, like Noah, Joseph, and Moses — were sent before them to keep them alive. We are proclaimers not prefigures — witnesses that have been sent to testify that He came to feed, lead, and meet the greatest needs of His sheep. We bear witness to our Good Shepherd, Great Shepherd, and Chief Shepherd. Who, as our good shepherd, came for His sheep, who, as our great shepherd, is committed to His sheep, and who, as our chief shepherd, is coming for His sheep. For what? To feed, lead, and meet our every need.

Can I encourage you? Don't let the enemy invade where only Jesus, His promises, His people, and His provisions of grace belong. (Genesis 15:4; Genesis 16; Nehemiah 13:4-10)

I love this word...

"After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Fear not, Abram: I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward.'" Genesis 15:1

When we believe the Lord is our PROTECTOR (our shield) and PRIZE (our reward) and PEACE (we fear not) and PROVIDER (He gives life to us — as He told Abram, "one from your body will be your heir...") and PROMISE KEEPER (and he believed the Lord), all else seems to fade in the presence and

guarantee of His glory and grace. (Genesis 15:1; Genesis 16)

"...Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,' Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it. Isaiah 46:8-11

"The Lord has made all for Himself, even the wicked for the day of destruction." Proverbs 16:4

"Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first; And with the last I am He.' " Isaiah 41:4

"Known to God, from eternity, are all His works." Acts 15:18

"The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, and as I have purposed, so it shall stand:" Isaiah 14:24

"O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth." Isaiah 25:1

"The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the purposes of His heart to all generations." Psalm 33:11

"Many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel/purpose of the LORD will prevail." Proverbs 19:21

"Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts [and purpose and plans and priorities and pleasures] will be established [by and for Him]." Proverbs 16:3

1 Chronicles 6 reveals the four generations of Genesis 15:16

#nestingwithjesus #genesis #genesis14 #genesis15 #genesis16 #nehemiah13and4thru6  
#afriendofGod #favorfromGod #theprotectorandprizeofmyheart #abram #abraham #sarah #stars  
#arrows #psalm127 #daniel12and3 #genesis15and1thru6 #glory #glory #circumcision #covenant  
#circumcisionoftheheart #anamechange #agamechanger #alifechanges #LifeChanger  
#ourCLLjourneyhoneyandthepreacher #livingwithcll #nickieandstephanie