



Genesis 15:1-21 (Andrew Klynsmith)

God's Covenant With Abram

1. A covenant about a family (15:1-6) and a home (15:7-21)

a. Building on the promises of 12:1-3

b. For the sake of the whole world

2. The promised family

a. Follows the rejection of the king of Sodom's blessing, and the receiving of Melchizedek's blessing

b. "Your shield and your very great reward"

c. "But what about the children???"

d. Another – human - possibility ruled out: only God can keep God's promises

e. The reiteration of the promise

3. The promised home

a. The calling and gifts of God are irrevocable

b. "But how do I know I can trust your word???"

4. God swears by Himself

a. The covenant making ceremony - preparations

b. The great, dreadful darkness of Abram's sleep

c. Know for certain ...

d. The covenant partners

e. A covenant made with Abram but through one who acts on Abram's behalf

5. The history of the world and the covenant

a. All leading to and from Jesus Christ

b. Never a moment when creation is out of God's hands