

God Promises Abraham a Son

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abraham in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abraham.
I am your shield,
your very great reward."

But Abraham said, "O Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abraham said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Abraham believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

The words "it was credited to him" were written not for Abraham alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Genesis 15:1-6; Romans 4:23-25