

Receiving the Chief Reward

Genesis 15:1

(5 Rewards – Yea 6)

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

Genesis 14:14-16 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

I. How it was earned, Genesis 14:14.

A. The family that he loved, vs. 14.

1. And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive... vs. 14.

2. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. Genesis 13:8-9.

B. The fight that he launched, vs. 14.

1. (a crowd showing strength) ...he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them... vs. 14.

2. (person standing with the words “He stood up” over his head)

3. (people headed somewhere motioning for others to follow with the words “Let’s go, God!”)

4. Genesis 12:1 ...the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out...

5. (person walking backwards or backing up)

II. How it was explained, Genesis 15:1.

A. The time of this reward, vs. 1.

1. After these things... vs. 1.

2. (I want it NOW!)

3. I Kings 17:12-13 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

4. I Kings 17:16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail...

5. John 2:3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

6. John 2:10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

B. The thrill of this reward, vs. 1.

1. ...I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward, vs. 1.