

TITLE AND NUMBER: 71. Abraham



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward". (v1)

And Abram 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 who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir". He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them". Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be". Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. (v3-6)

LOOKING FURTHER: Psalm 23, Romans 4:16-25

What does this Bible passage tell us?

Abram is better known to us as Abraham; he is especially important to Christian, Jewish and Muslim people.

God had called him and told him that he would be the father of a great nation and that through Abraham all families on the earth would be blessed. An amazing promise.

Years later, as Abraham and his wife grew much older and still did not have any children, we read of Abraham's encounter with God. God told Abraham not to be afraid and that he would have a son. His descendants would be more numerous than the stars in the sky.

Abraham believed God and because of his faith, was in the right place with God.

We are brought into the right place with God by the death and the resurrection of Jesus. Our sins are forgiven.

In Psalm 23, we read, "He [The Lord] guides me in paths of righteousness, for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me".

As we go through all sorts of difficulties, our faith provides us with a deep foundation which we can build our lives upon. It gives us direction and slowly changes us to become more and more like Jesus who is the righteous one.

Reflections:

- I love seeing the night sky and many, many stars. Have you had the same experience in the past? If so, thank God for their beauty.
- As we go through difficulties, God guides us - and our faith gives us a deep foundation. Psalm 23 has helped me. Which Psalms help you and why? Write down on this sheet any verses that are special to you.
- A prayer: **Circle us Lord. May we understand more of our faith and why we believe it. May we understand more of our doubt and not be too hard on it. Amen.**

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

