PRAYER STUDY # 56

Receiving the Promises

"A Look at Abraham: The only type of God the Father in Scripture"

Based mainly on Genesis 15

1. **<u>The Lord gives the promise.</u>**
   After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision saying, "Fear not, Abram; I am thy shield and thy exceedingly great reward." And Abram said, "Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, to me thou hast given no seed; and lo, one born in my house is mine heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came unto him saying, "This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own loins shall be thine heir." And He brought him forth abroad and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars, if thou be able to number them;" and He said unto him, "So shall thy seed be." Genesis 15:1-5
   a. What promises has God given you? 2nd Cor 1:20
   b. Was the promise given to you because of your works or His grace? Ephesians 2:9
   c. Have you lost the "vision"? Proverbs 29:18

2. **<u>We believe God.</u>**
   And he believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness. Genesis 15:6
   a. What is the "it" of this verse? Hebrews 11:1-3
   b. How do we get faith? Romans 10:17
   c. Galatians 3:6-7 says, *Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness, know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.* How do "they" become Abraham's spiritual seed? Matthew 16:13-18

3. **<u>We make an altar of sacrifice.</u>**
   And He said to him, "Take me an heifer of three years old, and a shegoat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he took unto Him all these and divided them in the midst and laid each piece one against another, and the birds divided he not.
   a. What is our sacrifice today? Jeremiah 33:11
   b. Are you a true worshiper? JOHN 4:23-24

4. **<u>The enemy attacks.</u>**
   And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses... Genesis 15: 11a
   a. What do the fowls represent?
   b. Symbolically, what are the fowls trying to take away?

5. **<u>We drive out the demons.</u>**
   ...*Abram drove them away.* Genesis 15:11b
   a. Who drove away the demons, Abram or God?
   b. What did the Lord give His disciples pertaining to demons? Luke 9:1-2

6. **<u>We wait for the promise.</u>**
   Psalm 27:14
   Isaiah 40:31
   Acts 1:4

7. **<u>The promise comes at the kairos(Galatians 4:4) time.</u>**
   (Abraham is 100. Sarah is 90.)
   And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
   Genesis 21:1-2