

Timeline of Truth – Abram Believes God (Gen 15:1-6)

¹ After these things	1. The <u>Timing</u> of This Circumstance
the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,	2. God Communicates to Abram in a <u>Vision</u>
"Do not be afraid, Abram. I <i>am</i> your shield, your exceedingly great reward."	3. God Addresses Abram's <u>Fear</u> and <u>Faith</u>
² But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house <i>is</i> Eliezer of Damascus?"	4. Abram <u>Asks</u> a Direct Question
³ Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"	5. Abram <u>Answers</u> His Own Question
⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD <i>came</i> to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir,	6. God <u>Corrects</u> Abram's Conclusions
but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."	7. God <u>Clarifies</u> His Promise to Abram
⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."	8. God <u>Expands</u> His Promise to Abram
⁶ And he believed in the LORD,	9. Abram <u>Takes</u> God at His <u>Word</u>
and He accounted it to him for righteousness.	10. God Transfers Righteousness for <u>Belief</u>

God Gives Righteousness in Exchange for Abram's Belief

<p>Rom 4:3-5 ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,</p> <p>Rom 4:9-13 ⁹ <i>Does</i> this blessedness then <i>come</i> upon the circumcised <i>only</i>, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰ How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. ¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which <i>he had while still</i> uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, ¹² and the father of circumcision to those who not only <i>are</i> of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham <i>had while still</i> uncircumcised. ¹³ For the promise that he would be the heir of the world <i>was</i> not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.</p>	<p>Rom 4:16-25; 5:1 ¹⁶ Therefore <i>it is</i> of faith that <i>it might be</i> according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations ") in the presence of Him whom he believed-- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." ²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴ but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. ^{5:1} Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,</p>
<p>Gal 3:5-9 ⁵ Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, <i>does He do it</i> by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?-- ⁶ just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁷ Therefore know that <i>only</i> those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, <i>saying</i>, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." ⁹ So then those who <i>are</i> of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.</p>	<p>Jam 2:21-23 ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? ²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.</p>