

Genesis Chapter 15 - Covenant Established

Unconditional love?

1) Our fearful weakness cannot stop God from keeping his promises

(v1-6)

For further discussion

- What do you think the world understands by “unconditional love”?
- In what ways is it hard to believe human beings are deeply flawed and in what ways is it easy? Why is this? What is the danger of losing sight of the seriousness of our sin?
- In v1-6, why does God restate his promise and how does the sign of the stars help? How does that help us as we consider whether our sin is truly forgivable? What other situations in our lives does this apply to?
- If we have to believe God’s promises in order to be counted right with God, does that mean we contribute something to our salvation?
- What is the significance of the animals in v7-21 (cf. Jeremiah 34:17-20)? How do v13-16 help to answer Abram’s question about inheriting the land? What guarantees that it will definitely happen?
- How are we included in this same covenant? How is this an encouragement in the face of our own sin, doubts, spiritual weakness and failure?

→ so believe God’s promises and be counted right with him

2) Our covenant-breaking sin cannot stop God from keeping his promises

(v7-21)

→ so cast yourself on God’s grace in Jesus, Abram’s covenant-keeping offspring