

Text: **Genesis 15**

Title: **“The LORD made a covenant with Abram”  
(Mother’s Day)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### 1. The Meaning of a Divine Covenant

- a) A treaty between God and His people
- b) A sworn oath by God to His people
- c) A Promise made by God to His people
- d) A Commitment from God to His people

### 2. The Significance of the Abrahamic Covenant

- a) A Covenant given
- b) A Covenant sealed
- c) A Covenant that is everlasting
- d) A Covenant that has far-reaching effects
  - i) To the nation of Israel
  - ii) To all the families of the earth  
And to the individual believer

## **THE FEATURES OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT**

### 1. The Preamble

- a) I am Your shield (Genesis 15:1a)
- b) I am Your exceedingly great reward (Genesis 15:1b)

## 2. Abraham's Concern

- a) What will You give me? (Genesis 15:2)
- b) I go childless (Genesis 15:2)
- c) The present "nominated heir"- Eliezer of Damascus (Genesis 15:2)
- d) No offspring had been given by God (Genesis 15:3)

## 3. God's Word to Abraham

- a) Clarification about the heir  
Eliezer will not be the heir (Genesis 15:3)
- b) Certainty of an heir from Abram
  - i) He will have a biological heir
  - ii) There will be countless descendants (Genesis 15:5)

## **THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE**

- 1. Faith in God  
Abram believed in the LORD (Genesis 15:6)
- 2. His faith was accounted to him for righteousness (Genesis 15:6)

## **THE CONFIRMATION OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT**

- 1. In a special worship
  - a) Abraham's part  
Significance of an offering made
  - b) God's part
    - i) Symbol of a smoking oven
    - ii) Symbol of a burning torch

c) Significance

- i) God's acceptance
- ii) God's presence made known
- iii) God's power evidenced

2. The Covenant was confirmed (Genesis 15:18)

This covenant has eternal significance for both Israel and the Gentile world.