

Genesis 15:1-6

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Main Idea: When we rest on Jesus, we receive His righteousness, His resources, and His riches.

Introduction: You're going to die!

1. Jesus's RIGHTEOUSNESS belongs to believers in Him

- Abram wants to leave behind to someone who is a part of him
- The real problem with death is that we deserve it—and that we deserve more than it
- This is confirmed by v6, which presents itself as the solution to the problem
- “believed”—rested upon (from a root for support/make firm)
- Yes, there is a promise that Abram will have all those offspring (plural)
- But there is also a promise that there is ONE who will be his Heir (singular)—and the implication is that He is going to overcome the death problem

2. Jesus's RESOURCES belong to believers in Him

- God is not only Reward, but Shield. And, as Scripture often does, we can add the idea of “Strength” to that.
- The point about the stars isn't just a lesson in uncountably high numbers. It's Who made them. Who sustains them. Whose power is going to overcome the death problem—both at the end of your life, and now with your faith, and every step along the way.
- When we believe in Jesus, we believe *into* Jesus. We are “those who are in Christ.” *Christ in us* is the hope of glory (cf. Col 1:27). Christ lives in us; the life we live, we live by faith in Him who loved me and gave Himself for me.

3. Jesus's RICHES belong to believers in Him

- The greatest riches is Jesus Himself. It is “The Word of Yahweh” who comes. And, He says, “I am Your exceeding great reward.”
- But if you have Jesus, then you have all things. Not just the land of Canaan, but a heavenly country, a city prepared by God, that is inherited with *all* the saints (cf. Heb 11:12-16, 39-40; Matthew 5:3-12)

Conclusion: Do you have Him?