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“The Reward” **Abraham (Part 6)**

*“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
(Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)*

The Treasure Trove

Genesis 15:1 – “After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.’” (NKJV)

Resignation to the Natural

Genesis 15:2-3 – (2) “But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ (3) And Abram said, ‘Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.’”

Rewards of the Diligent Seeker

(1) Reproof

Genesis 15:4 – “And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: ‘This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.’”

(2) Reversing Restrictive Thinking

Genesis 15:5 – “And he brought him outside and said, ‘Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’”

(3) Right Standing with God

Genesis 15:6 – “And [Abraham] believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

Those Who Diligently Seek God will not be disappointed

Seeker-Sensitive Saints:

“Moses said, ‘Please show me your glory.’ And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.’” (Exodus 33:18-19)

“The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.” (Psalm 16:5, 8)

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.” (Psalm 73:25)

“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ” (Philippians 3:8)

Questions to Ponder:

- (1) How passionate am I towards knowing God and His ways?**
- (2) What am I passionate about in life? How is that demonstrated?
(Matt. 6:21)**
- (3) Were the promises of God or the Person of God more important to Abraham? (Hebrews 11:13-16)**