

## Genesis 15:1-6 **Righteousness of Abram**

<sup>1</sup> "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." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "LORD GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness." NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ It is interesting to consider the different terminology that is applied to the manifestations of God as He reveals Himself to mankind.
- ✧ In the Garden of Eden He walked in Person with Adam. [[Genesis 3:8](#)]
- ✧ Then He simply spoke to Noah. [[Genesis 6:13 thru 9:17](#)]
- ✧ At the Tower of Babel the text says He came down but does not indicate that anyone saw Him. [[Genesis 11:1-9](#)]
- ✧ Then He *spoke* to Abram. [[Genesis 12:1-3](#)]
- ✧ Then He *appeared* to Abram. [[Genesis 12:7](#)]
- ✧ And now the text tells us that "The Word of Yahowah" came in a vision. [[Genesis 15:1](#)]
- ✧ This is the first time that the "Word of Yahowah" is mentioned. When we compare it with [[John 1:1](#)] we realize that this "Word of God" is another reference to "God the Word" Who became Jesus the Messiah.
- ✧ This Word of God promised to be Abram's shield and exceeding great reward.
- ✧ The Word of Yahowah came to Abram and promised Abram that his heir would be from his own body, making no mention of Sarai, but brought him outside and promised that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars of the heaven.
- ✧ Abram believed what God said and God accounted it to him for **righteousness**. This is clarified in the New Testament book of Romans. [[Romans 4:3](#)]
- ✧ To believe *in* God meaning to believe that God exists, this belief is not counted as righteousness since the devils believe and tremble. [[James 2:19](#)]
- ✧ To **BELIEVE God** becomes **our** righteousness; **also** as we consider God's Salvation provided in the Person of Jesus Christ. [[Mark 16:16](#); [Luke 8:12](#); [Romans 4:9-12](#); [James 2:23](#)]