

**God's sovereign grace in covenant love.
Genesis 15:1-21**

"I will make of you a great nation...and he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness." Genesis 12:2,15:6

"For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."" Romans 4:2-3

"Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."" Galatians 3:11

While promised mercies are delayed our unbelief and impatience are apt to conclude them denied. -
Matthew Henry

1. The promises of God. (Genesis 12-13)
2. The conversation with God. (Genesis 15:1-7)
3. The Covenant from God. (Genesis 15:9-21)

Questions for reflection and discussion

In what ways, if any, did today's academic lesson on the English translations of God's name aid you in your reading and understanding of his word and who he is?

Does time spent in God's creation expand and strengthen your faith in him? How? Do you have examples of places you have travelled around this globe that have increased your awe of the greatness of God?

Do you struggle at all with sensing the nearness or the love of God in a personal way to you? How has the world numbed or distracted you from his extravagant love? What wounds from the past, or personally experienced trauma, or neglect from important and nurturing relationships have caused you to see God as disinterested or cold towards you?

What truth from today's message has grown your comprehension of God's infinite love for you? And who might you share that with this week?