**Adult Sunday School**

Feburary 7, 2010

**The Believer’s Reward**

Gen. 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Introduction: “**After these things**”

Gen. 14:1-16

Area Kings waged war against Sodom and Gormorrah.

* Lot was taken captive and all his belongings taken.
* Abram took immediate measures to rescue Lot and his goods.
* Abram returned blessed and victorious, he paid his tithes and worshipped God.
* Abram refused any deal with king of Sodom

“The word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision”

1. Abram had a vision from God.

A.”the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision”

* 1. God reveals Himself in a vision.
     1. The word of God was heard in vision.
  2. God reveals Himself through His Word
     1. The voice of the Lord was heard.

Gen. 3:8 “they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day”

15:1… “the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying,”

God’s voice can still be heard.

I Sam. 3:7, 21; Heb.1:1-3; 2:1-4; 4:12

1. Abram had the fear of God.
2. “Fear not, Abram”
   1. We need to fear God.
   2. We need to put away the fear of man.
   3. We need to teach that fear indicates doubt and unbelief.
3. Abram believed God.
4. “I am Thy Shield”
   1. Personal God (“I am Thy”)
   2. Perfect Protection (shield)
   3. Not possible, to prevail against His Power?
5. Abram had an Inheritance from God.
6. “thy exceeding great reward.
   1. Exceeding
   2. Great
   3. Reward
7. Abram had God dealing with his desire for a son.
8. “After these things”

1. Lot’s opportunities and casualties.

1. An Inheritance to share
   1. Eliezer
   2. Ishmael
   3. Isaac