

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH VII

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Why, after such a victory in chapter 14, would Abram now be in the grip of fear (v. 1)?

2. What two assurances address the issue of fear?

What does it mean that the LORD is “a shield”?

How is *reward* a response to fear?

3. What issue is still raising questions (and fears?) for Abram (vv. 2-3)?

What solution would Abram pursue? Why?

4. God adamantly & specifically reiterates His promise (v. 4). How is this now different (v. 5; c.f., 13:16)?

5. Abram responds to the LORD's promise (v. 6). What is significant about his response?

6. Reflect on the following passages as Abram's response pertains to us. What are some of the key insights or truths?

- Romans 4:1-5
- Romans 4:22-5:1
- Galatians 3:6-9
- Ephesians 2:8-9

7. Several principles were drawn from this text—

- The shield of faith extinguishes all the flaming arrows of the evil one (Ephesians 6:16).
- God is a rewarder of those who seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).
- You will face fear, but you will not face fear alone.
- Growing faith will always generate questions.
- God acts only, and always, when it is time to do so.
- Faith is the only means by which anyone will ever be justified in the LORD's eyes.

Discuss the principle, or principles, which strike the strongest chord with you. Why?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will take up the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16) this week by . . .

I will seek the Lord (Hebrews 11:6) this week by . . .