

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH VIII

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Contrast Moses' declaration about Abram's faith (v. 6) to Abram's question (v. 8) in response to the LORD's statement (v. 7). (What jumps out at you?) (What about 2 Corinthians 5:7?)
2. The LORD has Abram wait throughout the day before He addresses his question in a dream (vv. 12-16). Why make him wait?

How does this dream convey a sense of assurance to Abram?

3. Abram awakes from his dream to find an even stranger sight (v. 17). What is the significance of this experience (c.f., vv. 9-11)?

Discuss the imagery of the "smoking oven" & "flaming torch." (How do they point to the LORD?)

4. How does the LORD apply both the content of the dream and this unusual experience (vv. 18-21)? Why is this so affirming?

5. How is this scene a prophetic picture of the *new* covenant that will be made by Christ (c.f., Luke 22:19-20)?

6. Several principles were drawn from this text—
 - Even spiritual giants can suffer emotional lows.
 - Faith can still arise from those lows.
 - I cannot take my faith for granted.
 - Faith requires my attention *today*.
 - God always remembers His promises.
 - Christ establishes a new covenant (in His blood) with us (by grace through faith).

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

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will give intentionality to my faith this week by . . .

I will stand on God's promises this week by . . .