## HOW CAN WE OVERCOME OUR FEARS CONCERNING WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED? PART 2 THE LORD'S REASSURING AND REVEALING COVENANT WITH ABRAM Genesis 15:7-21

*REVIEW:* LET HIM SPEAK TO YOU THROUGH HIS WORD (1-5) *REVIEW:* SIMPLY BELIEVE WHAT HE SAYS (6)

- I. KNOW THE LORD'S PROMISES ARE BASED ON HIS IDENTITY AND ARE AFFIRMED BY HIS PAST FAITHFULNESS: The Lord responds declaring, based on His identity and faithful leading of Abram, He will give to him the land as a possession (7)
- **II. SEEK REASSURANCE FROM HIS WORD:** Abram sought reassurance from the Lord directly, i.e. 'How may I know...?' (8)
- **III. THEN LET THE LORD REASSURE THROUGH HIS WORD AND OBEY:** The Lord reassures Abram by making a covenant with him, revealing some important truth (9-17)
  - A. The Lord commands Abram to bring to Him specific animals to cut a covenant (9)
  - B. Abram understands, obeying and then cutting them in half and waits (10-11)
  - C. Abram falls into a deep sleep and a dark gloomy delay is revealed: The Lord reveals Abrams descendants will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years, yet they will return (12-16)
  - D. The Lord visibly ratifies His covenant Abram (17)
- IV. KNOW HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD: A summary of the covenant the Lord made with Abram that day...the Lord has given this land to Abram's descendants (18-21)