

Wouldn't It Be Great?

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

Genesis 15:1 (NIV)

Abram aka Abraham had an advantage over us in one way and we have the advantage over him in another way. Where Abraham has the advantage over us is in how God spoke directly to him as we see in today's verse and those following it.

Abraham put questions to the Lord about his future and what was specifically upsetting to him regarding the lack of an heir to his property. God then addressed the difficulty with a clear answer. He told Abraham that he would live to have a son, and the generations coming from that son would be greater in number than the stars.

All of us, in searching for the will of the Lord, sometimes wish for such a clear answer to our questions. If only we could ask specifically we could get our answer in a moment.

Where we have the advantage over Abraham is in the fact we have the entire Bible from which to hear the voice of God. We also – as believers – have the Holy Spirit to guide us into all the truth of Scripture (John 16:13).

We are assured that the Bible is a complete guide to life. Psalm 119:99 (NIV) "I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes."

I recall a Christian telling me one time that he wished the Lord would answer his prayers and tell him if he should or should not marry a certain person he was dating. My response was that God will not tell us to marry this person instead of that one, but He has told us not to marry outside the faith (2 Corinthians 6:14).

I assured the man that God had told him who not to marry and that should be

enough for him to hear the clear word from God to stop dating the person he had been seeing. The man did not like my answer from Scripture and disobeyed the Bible by marrying the unbeliever. He was foolish to seek a whisper in his ear from the Lord and he paid the price.

Be sure to study the Bible and use it as your guide to life in all of its complexities. While God does not tell us to buy a green car instead of a silver one He has told us how to properly manage our assets and that is answer enough. Make your Bible a flashlight to shine on the path of obedience and you will be blessed by the Lord.

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