



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 26 May

**...the Lord made a covenant with
Abram...
Genesis 15:18**

Morning Service

The promise making God

Genesis 15:1-21

Mr Sam Moore

**Jesus is the name we honour,
Jesus is the name we praise,
majestic Name above all other names,
the highest heav'n and earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

**Jesus is the name we worship,
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

**Jesus is the Father's splendour,
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and ev'ry eye at last shall see
that Jesus is our God.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.
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we will give Him honour and praise.**

Phil Lawson-Johnston

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Prayer

Genesis 15.1-21

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 15.1-21

**² But Abram said,
“Sovereign LORD, what can
you give me since I
remain childless and the
one who will inherit my
estate is Eliezer of
Damascus?”**

Genesis 15.1-21

³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Genesis 15.1-21

4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” 5 He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.”

Genesis 15.1-21

Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

⁷ He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

Genesis 15.1-21

**8 But Abram said,
“Sovereign LORD, how can I
know that I will gain
possession of it?”**

**9 So the LORD said to him,
“Bring me a heifer, a goat
and a ram, each three
years old, along with a
dove and a young
pigeon.”**

Genesis 15.1-21

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

Genesis 15.1-21

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

Genesis 15.1-21

13 Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.

Genesis 15.1-21

¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.

Genesis 15.1-21

¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

Genesis 15.1-21

17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.

Genesis 15.1-21

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

Genesis 15.1-21

— ¹⁹ the land of the
Kenites, Kenizzites,
Kadmonites, ²⁰ Hittites,
Perizzites, Rephaites,
²¹ Amorites, Canaanites,
Girgashites and Jebusites.”

Children's Talk

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
the stars are His handiwork too.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**He's called you to live for Him every day,
in all that you say and you do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

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Prayer

**Mine are days that God has numbered,
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.**

**Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.**

**But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.**

**I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.**

**Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way,
one with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war,
and He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.**

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thomson

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Prayer

The promise-making God
Genesis 15:1-21

Prayer

**There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.**

**Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.**

**Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory,
I will see His face.
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that Holy Place.**

**Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**

Melody Green

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

Evening Service

People of the promise

Genesis 17:1-27

Mr Sam Moore

**Lord, for the years
Your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word,
receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed
by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world,
when we disown and doubt Him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without Him;
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves,
in living power remake us -
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley Smith

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Prayer

Genesis 17. 1-27

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

Genesis 17. 1-27

² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

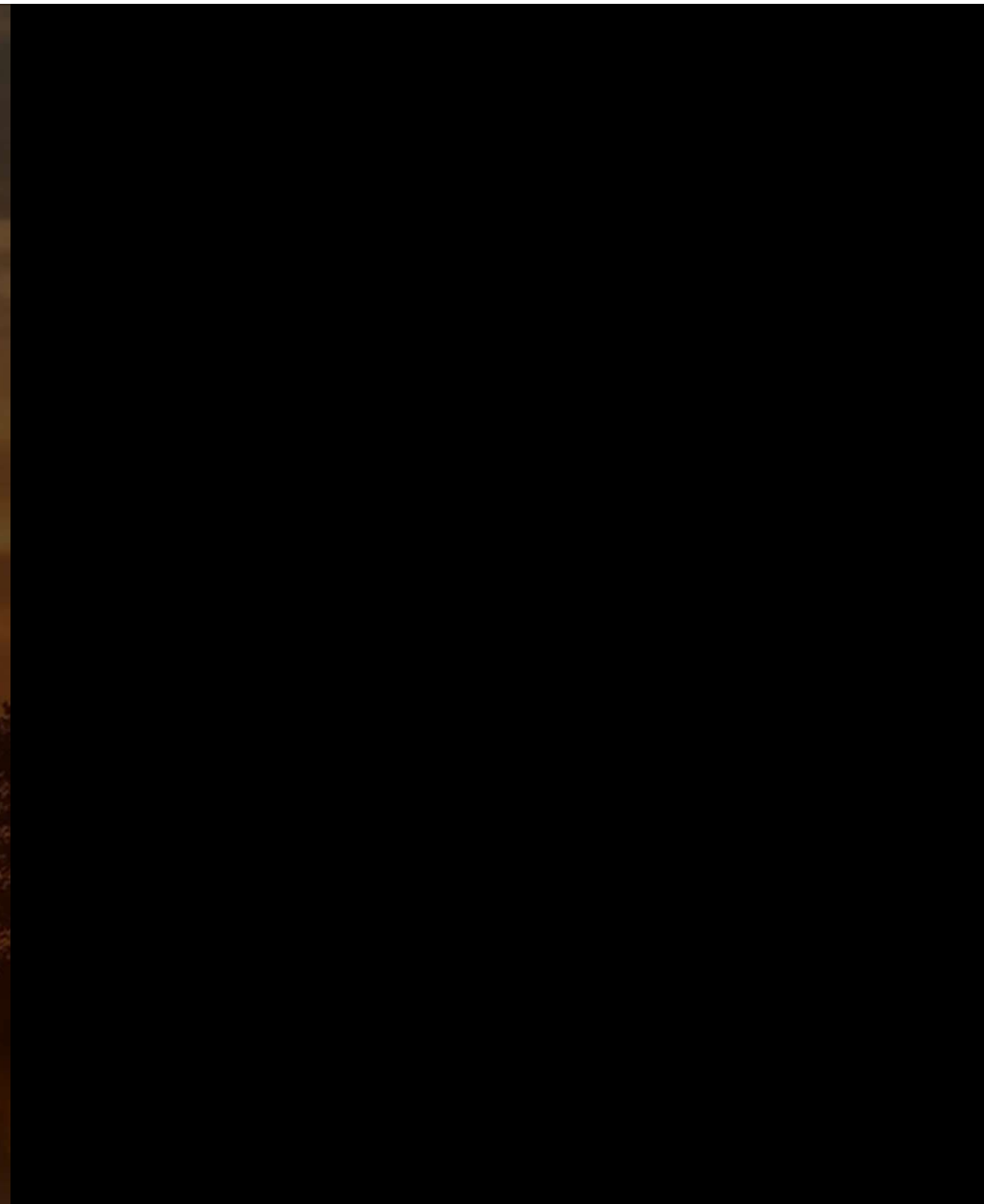
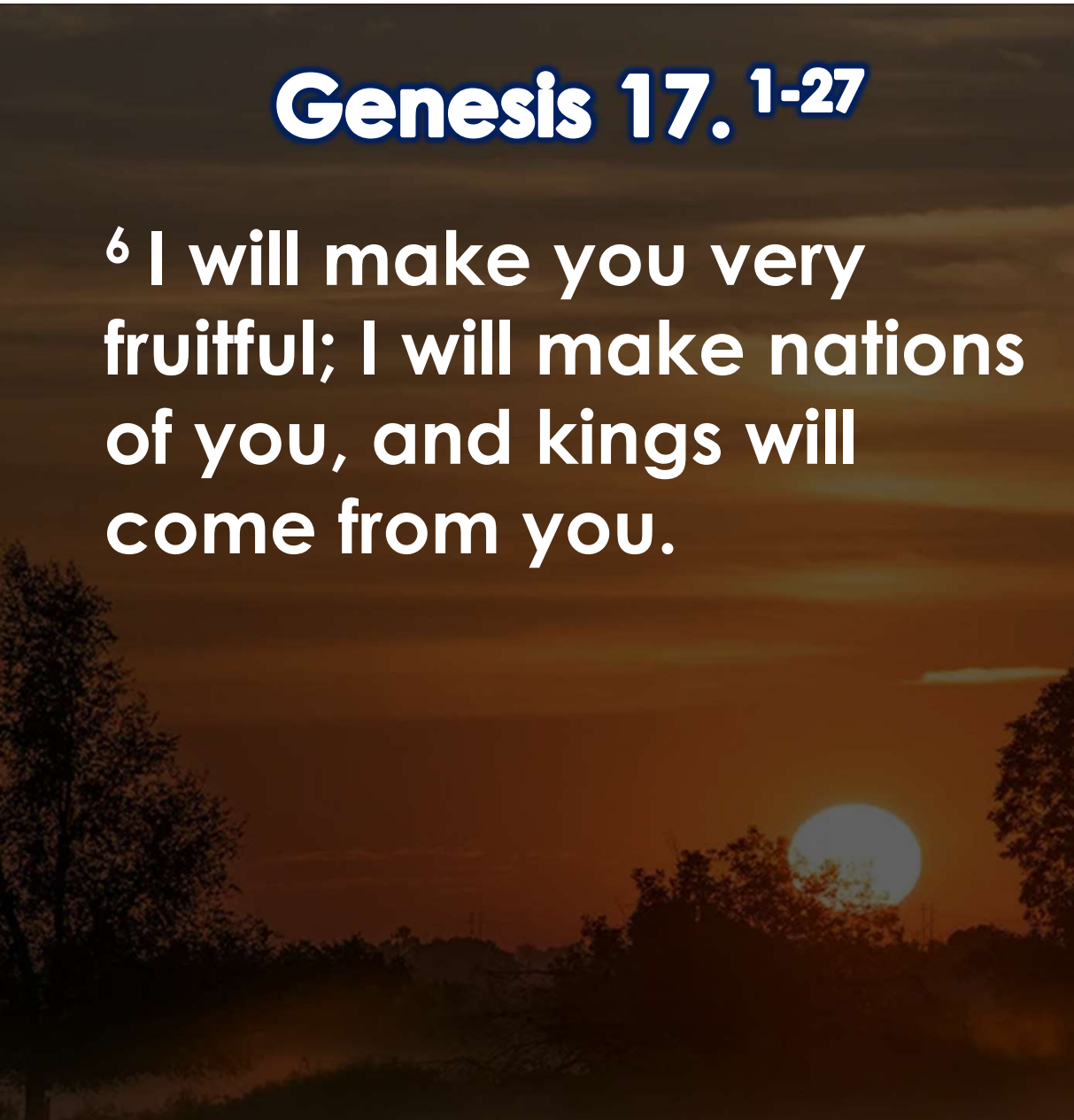
³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

Genesis 17. 1-27

4 “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

Genesis 17. 1-27

6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.



Genesis 17. 1-27

⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Genesis 17. 1-27

8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17. 1-27

9 Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.

Genesis 17. 1-27

¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

Genesis 17. 1-27

**11 You are to undergo
circumcision, and it will
be the sign of the
covenant between me
and you. 12 For the
generations to come
every male among you
who is eight days old
must be circumcised,**

Genesis 17. 1-27

including those born in
your household or
bought with money from
a foreigner—those who
are not your offspring.

¹³ Whether born in your
household or bought with
your money, they must
be circumcised.

Genesis 17. 1-27

**My covenant in your
flesh is to be an
everlasting covenant.
14 Any uncircumcised
male, who has not been
circumcised in the flesh,
will be cut off from his
people; he has broken
my covenant.”**

Genesis 17. 1-27

15 God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. **16** I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations;

Genesis 17. 1-27

kings of peoples will
come from her.”

¹⁷ Abraham fell
facedown; he laughed
and said to himself, “Will
a son be born to a man a
hundred years old? Will
Sarah bear a child at the
age of ninety?”

Genesis 17. 1-27

18 And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

19 Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.

Genesis 17. 1-27

I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. ²⁰ And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers.

Genesis 17. 1-27

He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.”

Genesis 17. 1-27

22 When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.

23 On that very day Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or bought with his money,

Genesis 17. 1-27

every male in his household, and circumcised them, as God told him.

²⁴ Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised, ²⁵ and his son Ishmael was thirteen;

Genesis 17. 1-27

²⁶ Abraham and his son Ishmael were both circumcised on that very day. ²⁷ And every male in Abraham's household, including those born in his household or bought from a foreigner, was circumcised with him.

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not.**

**Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter,
and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Thomas O Chisholm 1866-1923

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Prayer

People of the promise
Genesis 17:1-27

Prayer

**By faith we see the hand of God;
in the light of creation's grand design
in the lives of those
who prove His faithfulness;
who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts
of a Holy City built by God's own hand:
a place where peace and justice reign.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.**

**Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith the prophets saw a day
when they longed for Messiah
would appear
with the power to break the chains
of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives
and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.**

**Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**