

## **A To protect**

- ❖ God introduced Himself to Abram in an intimate way (Genesis 15:1). He is not just “a” shield, but “your” shield. He is our shield.
- ❖ Other biblical authors also considered God their shield (Deuteronomy 33:29; 2S. 22:3; Psalm 7:10; 18:30). What does it mean?
  - Physical protection (Psalm 91:4-7). God can deliver us from all dangers, although He might decide not to do so in specific occasions.
  - Protection against temptation (1Co. 10:13). God always protects us from temptation if we ask Him to.
- ❖ If we seek shelter under God’s shield, He will always protect us from the circumstances that may lead us away from salvation.

## **B To bless**

- ❖ How would all the families of the earth be blessed through Abraham?
- ❖ On one hand, everyone would know of the Plan of Redemption thanks to Abraham’s descendants.
- ❖ On the other hand, the ultimate blessing would come through Abraham’s “seed” (Genesis 28:14).
- ❖ Paul explained that the promised seed is Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:16).
- ❖ The Redeemer Himself becomes the means by which the obligations of the covenant arrangement are met and all of its other promises are realized.

## **C To save**

- ❖ It was impossible for us to pay the debt of our sins (Psalm 49:8). However, Jesus made it possible through His death and resurrection.
- ❖ He is still interceding for each one of us in the Heavenly Sanctuary as our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:25).

## **D To announce**

- ❖ Abraham did not even have a son when God promised him these things. However, when the descendants of Abraham left Egypt, they were already a large people.
- ❖ God confirmed His covenant with them. He also entrusted them a specific mission: to be an example to other nations, a light in the darkness (Isaiah 60:1-3).
- ❖ God wanted humankind to seek the God of Israel and to accept the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

## **E To make your name great**

- ❖ Humans wanted to make their name great by building the tower of Babel. But they were humiliated by God (Genesis 11:4, 8).
- ❖ On the other hand, God took a humble man—Abraham—and made his name great, because “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6)
- ❖ However, God’s greatness is different to this world’s “greatness”.
- ❖ God’s greatness is related to character, faith, obedience, humbleness, and loving others. Therefore, do not seek your own greatness, but let God make your name great.