A stage with red curtains and a wooden floor. The text "The Credit of Righteousness" is written in yellow on the curtains.

# The Credit of Righteousness

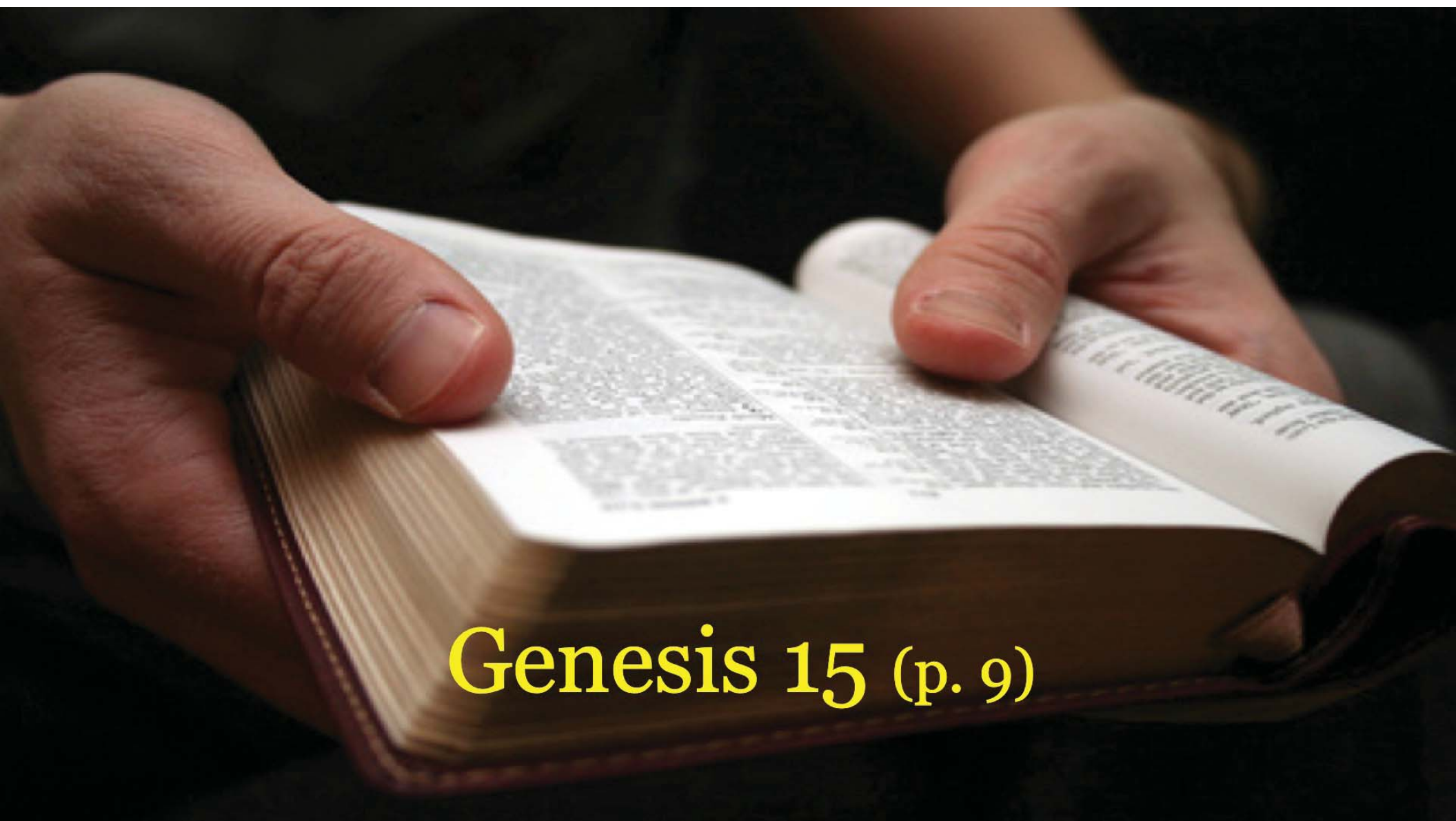
A black and white portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt. His hands are clasped together in front of him, resting on a surface. He has a thoughtful expression, looking slightly to the left of the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

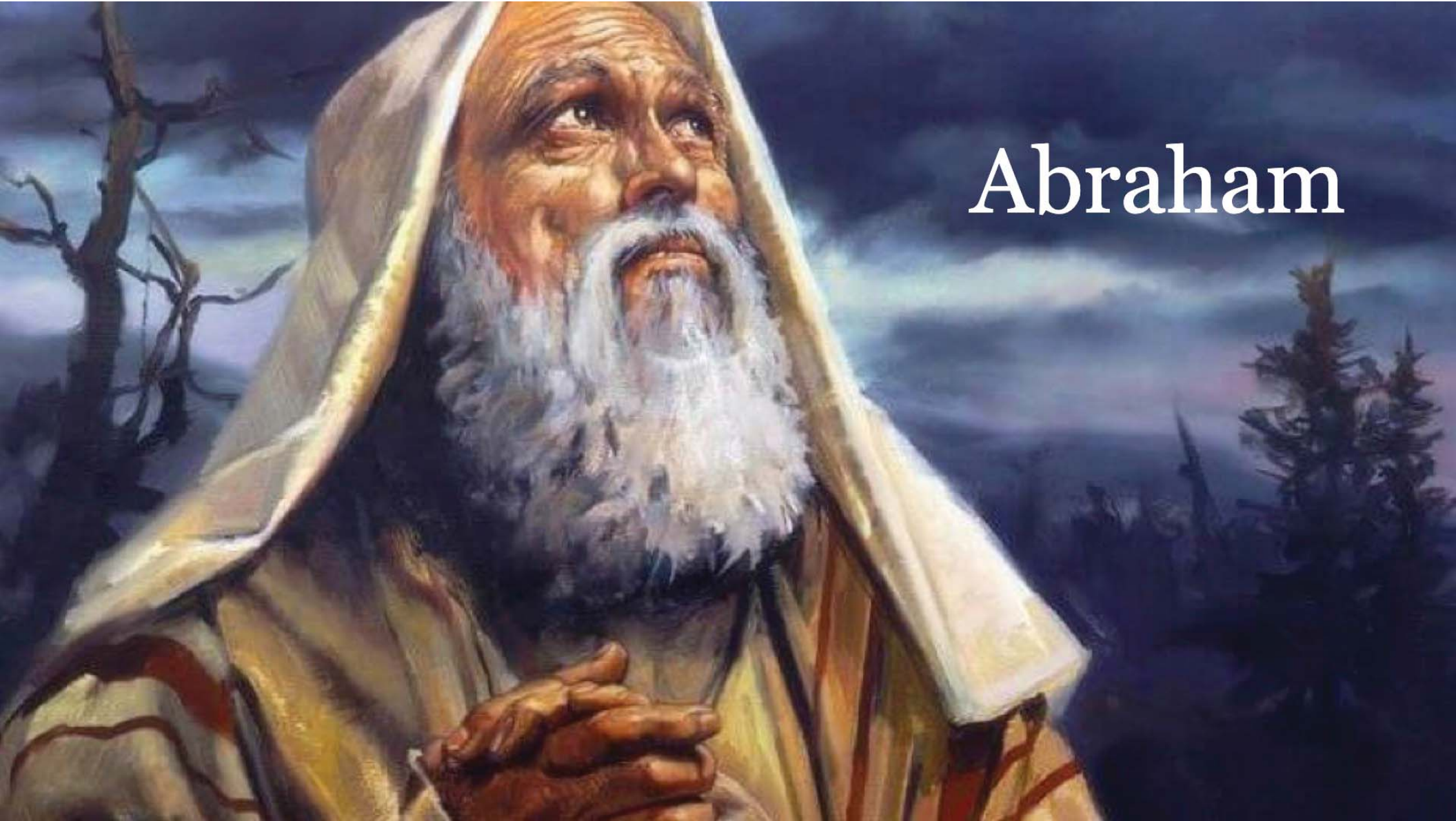
A photograph of a sunset over a gazebo and palm trees. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, red, and pink clouds, transitioning to a darker blue and purple at the top. In the foreground, a gazebo with a metal roof and several columns is silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun. To the right of the gazebo, a tall palm tree stands prominently. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Racism is to have no place here!





**Genesis 15 (p. 9)**



Abraham



1 After this, -

-Genesis 15 (p. 9)



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

-Genesis 15 (p. 9)



**2 But Abram said, -**

**-Genesis 15 (p. 9)**





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 (p. 9)



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

-Genesis 15 (p. 9)






A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, set against a vibrant sunset sky with horizontal bands of orange, pink, and blue. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a head covering. The background shows a dark horizon line with faint mountain ranges.

1. “With all do respect, Lord, it’s your fault I don’t have children.”



A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or triumph, set against a vibrant sunset sky with horizontal bands of orange, pink, and blue. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a head covering. The background shows a dark horizon line with faint mountain ranges.


2. “And Lord, I’ve figured out a plan to solve the problem.” - Abram

4 Then 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.”

-Genesis 15 (p. 9)





A man with short dark hair, wearing a white polo shirt, is shown in profile from the chest up. He is sitting at a table and reading a thick book. His right hand is on the book, and his left hand is resting on the table. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a railing and a bright sky. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Abram's plan  
wasn't God's plan!



A night sky photograph showing the Milky Way galaxy stretching across the frame. The foreground features dark, silhouetted mountains and a forest. The sky is filled with stars, and a few bright, colorful objects are visible. The text "Look up at the sky and count the stars" is overlaid in white.

“Look up at the sky and  
count the stars”

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

-Genesis 15 (p. 9)





**6 Abram believed the Lord,**

**-Genesis 15 (p. 9)**





6 Abram believed (Heb. *amen*) the  
Lord,

-Genesis 15 (p. 9)





Amen

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

**-Genesis 15 (p. 9)**





What?



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*Faith & Justification* linked together



**8 But Abram -**

**-Genesis 15 (p. 9)**



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

-Genesis 15 (p. 9)







# A Covenant in Blood



Sarai





1. “With all do respect, I know I can never have any children.”

Sarai





2. "I have a plan to solve the problem."

Sarai





Hagar





And Hagar  
gave birth  
to Ishmael



# Hagar & Ishmael



12 “He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.”

-Genesis 16 (p. 9)







Genesis 17 (p. 10)

15 God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.”

-Genesis 17 (p. 10)





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; kings of people will come from her.”

-Genesis 17 (p. 10)



17 Abraham fell facedown; he  
laughed . . . .

-Genesis 17 (p. 10)







Where is the promise of His coming?

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

-Genesis 17 (p. 10)





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“I have another idea, Lord.”

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

-Genesis 17 (p. 10)







**Sarah  
laughted at  
God as well.  
(Genesis 18:12)**



“Is anything too  
hard for the Lord?”

-Genesis 18:14





**Two Separate  
Nations**



Back to the  
*Credit* thing







Romans 4 (p. 784)

God's Great Grace  
to Each of Us





1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter?

-Romans 4 (p. 784)



2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about - but not before God.

-Romans 4 (p. 784)



3 What does the Scripture say?  
“Abraham believed God, and it was  
credited to him as righteousness.”

-Romans 4 (p. 784)



4 Now to the one who works,  
wages are not credited as a gift  
but as an obligation.

-Romans 4 (p. 784)




5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

-Romans 4 (p. 784)



The just shall  
live by faith



A person with long dark hair, wearing a long, light-colored robe with a dark belt, stands on a rocky, hilly landscape. They are looking out over a vast, hazy valley with rolling hills and a clear sky. The scene is captured from behind the person, emphasizing the expanse of the landscape.

Jesus'  
righteousness  
is credited to  
you by faith

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Abraham was gifted righteousness  
simply because he trusted God



Trusting in Jesus'  
love and His gift of  
righteousness to me.





Free at Last!