

Genesis 20 Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Never Immune.

Genesis 20:2

“Now Abraham journeyed from there toward the land of the Negev, and settled between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, ‘She is my sister.’ So Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah” (Gen. 20:2). Abraham’s deception of Genesis 12:10-20 resurfaces here after Abraham had been walking with the Lord for twenty-five years, reminding us that the Christian is never immune from temptation and sin. 1 Corinthians 10:12

☐ Tuesday - Breaking the Chains of Habitual Sin.

Genesis 20:2

“And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, ‘She is my sister.’” (Gen. 20:2). This particular deception is repeated three times in Genesis, twice by Abraham (Gen. 12:10-20 & 20:1-18), and once by his son, Isaac (Gen. 26:6-11), confirming the sad fact that the sins of the fathers are often visited upon their children by imitation (Ex. 34:7; Jer. 32:18). Notice, here, the lack of remorse or repentance by Abraham. Instead of owning up to his sin, he gave excuses (Gen. 20:11-13). Only true repentance can break the chains of habitual sin. Read 1 John 1:8-9

☐ Wednesday - All Sin is Godward.

Genesis 20:6

“Then God said to [Abimelech] in the dream, “Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her” (Gen. 20:6). Had Abimelech committed adultery with Sarah, it would have been a grievous offense against both Sarah and Abraham, but it would have been a sin against God. Technically speaking, all sin is against God, because sin is a violation of God’s righteous standard. If by your sinful behavior you have offended others, then go and make things right with them. But you are not done; no, you must confess your sin to God, for it is His righteous standard that you have transgressed. Read Psalm 51:4

☐ Thursday - A Kernel of Truth?

Genesis 20:9

“Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, ‘What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done’” (Gen. 20:9). God used a donkey to chastise Balaam, and this pagan king to chastise His servant Abraham. Perhaps the church today has too quickly dismissed the rebukes of the world, instead of sifting through the chaff to see if there is a kernel of truth. Read Proverbs 12:15

☐ Friday - Walk the Walk.

Genesis 20:11

Why did Abraham lie and say that Sarah was his sister? He explains, ‘Because I thought, surely there is no fear of God in this place; and they will kill me because of my wife.’” (Gen. 20:11). The people of Gerar did not fear God, but at that moment, neither did Abraham. The fear of the Lord is a fear that eclipses every other fear, including the fear of man. As children of God, let us be first to practice what we preach. Read Romans 2:21-22; Matthew 7:1-5