

ABRAHAM: Grace and Mercy

Genesis 17:1 – 20:18

When and why does the Lord appear to Abram? 17:1-2

“This was the first time that He revealed Himself as “the Almighty.” None but One who possessed all power could meet Abrams’s need, at this time. Ninety and nine years of age, his body dead, Sarah barren and long past the age of child-bearing – how could they hope to have a son? But with God all things are possible.”
“Gleanings in Genesis” Arthur W. Pink p.183

How does Abram respond? v.3

Why is Abram’s name changed? vv.4-5

What does He again promise to do for Abram? vv.6-8

What is to be the sign of God’s covenant with Abraham? vv. 9-14

Why is Sarai’s name changed? vv.15-16

How does Abraham react? vv.17-18

What does God reiterate about Sarah? vv.19-22

Who does He establish His covenant with? v.19,21

What about Ishmael? v.20

What does Abraham do that very day? vv.23-27

Why does the Lord appear to Abraham at his tent? 18:1-15

How does Sarah react? Why? vv.10b-12

As the Lord leaves, what does He tell Abram? Why? vv.16-20

What does Abraham ask the Lord? vv.21-33

What does the Lord promise Abraham? v.33

Where does Abraham go after the destruction of Sodom? 20:1

What happens to Sarah? v.2

“At first sight it seems incredible that Abraham should have acted as recorded her in Genesis 20. . .What made the matter so much worse in Abraham’s case was that it was not a question of being surprised into a sudden fault. It was the recurrence of an old sin. Long ago he had followed the same wicked course in Egypt, where his duplicity had been discovered and from whence he was banished in disgrace. Some 20 – 25 years had passed since then, and in the interval he had built an altar unto the Lord, had vanquished Chedorlaomer, had been blessed by Melchizedek the priest of the Most High God, had repulsed the offer of the King of Sodom to be

enriched at his hands, and had received wondrous revelations and promises from God, yet now we see him leaving God out of his reckoning, and ensnared by the fear of man, resorting in the most shameful deception.”

“It was the stress of circumstances which revealed the state of Abraham’s heart, as it is of ours.”

“Gleanings in Genesis” Arthur W. Pink p.192

How does God protect Sarah? vv.3-7

“By means of a dream, nothing more, Sarah is delivered, the seeming hindrances to God’s purpose is removed, the situation is saved! What we emphasize is the perfect ease with which God can move men when He pleases.”

“Gleanings in Genesis” Arthur W. Pink p.196

How do Abimelech and his officials react? vv.8-10

What is Abraham’s motive for his sin? vv.11-13

What does Abimelech give Abraham? vv.14-16

What does Abraham do for Abimelech? vv.17-18

“Abraham did but illustrate what is all too sadly common among the Lord’s people - that which might be termed *the inconsistency* of faith. How often those who are not afraid to trust God with their souls, are afraid to trust Him with regard to their bodies! How often those who have the full assurance of faith in regard to eternal things, are full of unbelief and fear when it comes to temporal things! We have believed in the Lord and it has been counted unto us for righteousness; yet, how often, like Abraham, in the matter of practical concerns of our daily life, we too, have more confidence in our own wisdom and scheming than we have in the sufficiency of God.

“Yet behold the grace of Him with whom we have to do. Instead of casting him off, God interposed and delivered Abraham and his wife from the peril which menaced them.”

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“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

“How Firm a Foundation”