

GENESIS 20 RECAP

1. For the second time Abraham is in a foreign land and tells everyone that Sarah's his sister. And like the first time, the king of the foreign land takes Sarah into his harem. The first occurrence is in Genesis chapter 12. Review the last ten verses of Genesis 12 to compare the events. How are they similar and how are they different?

2. Define "Faithfulness"... what are examples of this in your life?

3. How does God protect the innocent in similar ways in both Genesis chapter 19 and again in chapter 20?

4. What is the irony of Abraham praying for Abimelech and what may it have reminded Abraham about the power of God?

5. God prevented Abimelech from sinning against Him (20:6). This is an extraordinary statement! God prevented Abimelech from sinning by preventing him from sexual relations with Sarah. He knew that if He didn't act that Abraham's fear would lead to Abimelech's sin which would upset His plan. God had just told Abraham when He made a covenant with him that Sarah would have a son within a year's time. We know that this happened when Abraham was 99 years old (17:1, 17). We also know that when God gave a child to Sarah, it was after this event and that Abraham was 100 years old (21:5). Therefore, it follows that had Abimelech taken Sarah, it would have come around the time frame of Sarah's conception. God knew His promise and He always protects His promises. He promised Abraham Sarah would have a son within a year's time and he protected that promise by not letting Abimelech take Sarah. Abraham, was at times like we are today - forgetful of how faithful and powerful our God is when He makes a promise.

What can we do to strengthen our faith in the promises of God to become stronger in our faith like Abraham came to be (Romans 4:20-21)?

