

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

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Abram's Fear

Genesis 12:10-20

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday July 15 Prophecy. The Judgments.
Monday July 20 Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday July 22 Bible Class.

- ** Bible Drive for Tanzania. Still taking donations
** Please be in prayer for the VMI teams to Nicaragua and Belarus.

	June	Total 2009	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 7,531.30	\$48,447.91			\$11,340.00
Expenses	7,552.97	43,509.78			11,475.00
Balance	-21.47	4,938.13	\$14,749.38	\$9,213.39	-135.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

*The Message:
Major Events in History
and
The Plan of God*

Abram's Fear *Genesis 12:10-20*

- B. Four People: the election of a nation and the preparation for the redeemer (Gen 12-50)**
1. **Abraham (the father of faith and the nation Israel) (12-23)**
 - a. **The Promise to Abraham-The Test of Faith. 12:1-3**
 - b. **Compliance-My Way. 12:4-9**
 - c. **Failure of Fear. 12:10-16**

Gen 12:10 = The Food Test.

12:10 L.T. Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Summary:

1. **Famines are designed by God to:**
 - A. **Test obedience and reliance upon Him. Gen 26:1-4**
 - B. **Give Believers a chance to "shine." Gen 41-42**
 - C. **Bring Believers back together. Gen 43-47**
 - D. **Increase the wealth of those who are obedient to God and plan ahead. Gen 47**
2. **Greatly blessed people who are disobedient to God will blame Him with famine that doesn't really exist. Exo 16:3**
3. **Famine is promised to Israel and prophesied as discipline if and when they turn from the Lord. Deut 28:48; 32:24**
4. **Famines represent a lack of the necessities of life and may be real or perceived but they always bring a test.**

Gen 12:11 = The Fear Test Begins.

12:11 L.T. And it came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Behold, please, I know that you are a woman, beautiful of appearance;

Summary:

1. **Whether he was being obedient or disobedient in going to Egypt is not the central issue that the Lord wants to teach us.**
2. **The fact is that Abram got his eyes off the Lord and onto man.**
3. **Abram the "gentleman" first opens with flattery by issuing a glowing statement of his approval.**

Gen 12:12 = The Fear Test Increases.

12:12 L.T. and it will come about when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Summary:

1. **Abram feared for his life.**
2. **At this point, Abram has the promise and not Sarai.**

3. Abram thinks that he has to help God keep His promise to him by keeping himself alive, and after all wasn't Sarai "barren" and therefore "expendable?"
4. Even though God had not yet made it clear that the line of Messiah would come through Sarai, this was a selfish, unloving act.

Gen 12:13 = The Half Truth.

12:13 L.T. Please say that you are my sister so that it may go correctly with me by your passing over, and that I may live on account of you."

Summary:

1. Abram's request is motivated by things going correctly for him.
2. His request asks her to "pass over" her own well-being and the half-truth he is asking her to declare.
3. Those who reject God's word can easily become paranoid.

Fear Principle 1: Fear driven people often rely on _____ - _____.

Fear Principle 2: Fear easily leads to _____ applications.

Fear Principle 3: Fear is inherently _____ - _____ and is often manifested in a lack of love and concern for anyone else.

Fear Principle 4: Fear has its eyes on people and circumstances rather than on the _____.

Fear Principle 5: Fearful people look for human ways to _____ themselves.

Gen 12:14 = Abram the "Prophet."

12:14 L.T. And it came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.

Gen 12:15 = Sarai Meets Pharaoh.

12:15 L.T. And Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

Summary:

1. There is also a political sub plot by Pharaoh's officials.
2. Sarai evidently followed her husband's instructions, declaring that she was his sister.

Gen 12:16 = Pharaoh Cares for Sarai's "Brother."

12:16 L.T. Therefore he treated Abram correctly by her passing over; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.

Summary:

1. Abram receives more wealth at the expense of his wife.
2. His plan was evidently "working" but this is obviously false prosperity. Cf 12:5

Fear Principle 6: Half truths will _____ to work-to a point.

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Gen 12:17 = Yahweh's Intervention.

12:17 L.T. But the Lord touched Pharaoh and his house with great plagues concerning the word of Sarai, Abram's wife.

Summary:

1. This was a fitting punishment on Pharaoh and his officials for their attitude in general about women.
2. But the Lord chose the event with Sarai to administer the discipline.
3. We are not given the specifics of the plagues but know there were many and they were severe.

Gen 12:18 = Abram Confronted.

12:18 L.T. Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"

Gen 12:19 = Abram Exposed.

12:19 L.T. "Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her and go."

Gen 12:20 = Abram Expelled.

12:20 L.T. And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

Summary:

1. Abram has his own "Exodus" from Egypt.
2. He is righteously rebuked by an unbelieving Pharaoh.

Fear Principle 7: _____ of other people driven by fear.

Fear Principle 8: Learn to recognize and conquer fear for it is _____ -- even for Believers. Gen 15:1

*Major Events in History
and
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28. Major Events and Time Frames of History Related to the Plan of God.
- N. God's _____ will do what is necessary to keep His Promises without overruling man's volition, even in "impossible" situations. Rom 4:19-20
- O. If need be, God would even " _____ " to do so. Heb 11:17-19
- P. In Sodom and Gomorrah we see God's just _____ for those who refuse His offer of Love, and flagrantly violate His standards. 2 Pet 2:7; Jude 7
- Q. At the Exodus we again see a demonstration of God's Grace in that He will keep His promises and fulfill His prophecies in spite of man's _____. Exo 12:41
- R. The Mosaic Law came into existence to _____ sin and hence the categories of personal sins that Christ would pay for on the cross. Cf Rom 4:15; 5:13
- S. The United Monarchy demonstrates how God can _____ many by association with one. 1 Cor 15:22; Rom 5:15
- T. The Divided Monarchy under the kings of Israel and Judah demonstrate the magnitude of God's Grace even when His " _____ " descend into evil.
- U. The Dispersions of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms demonstrate God's _____ concerning His justice even in the administration of Divine Discipline to His "Chosen."
- V. The Regathering of Israel again shows His Grace in _____ those that come under Divine Discipline.
- W. The Inter-Testamental Period shows that even though God is " _____ " for periods of history concerning direct Revelation, He is still a God Who is concerned meeting our spiritual needs and bringing His Plan to the desired and prophesied end. Cf 2 Pet 3
- X. The First Advent is the _____ of the Angelic Conflict:
- Y. Our Lord Jesus Christ in Glorified Hypostatic Union demonstrates how our Lord can rule from this situation and bring about the prophetic events without _____ His Essence.

- Z. The Church Age is called the "Age of Grace" and points out how " _____ " it is to serve Christ because of His Work on the Cross.
- A1. The Rapture of Living Believers shows how God can _____ any form of Second Death because His Righteousness and Justice has been satisfied. The Rapture of those who have "fallen asleep in Christ," dramatically demonstrates how His omnipotence provides the Blessings that He had promised.
- B1. The Tribulation demonstrates that even at a time such as the world has never before seen, humanity with the ability to decide and the responsibility for their decisions, even in a time of maximum adverse propaganda, will still _____, no matter the personal cost. And even at a time of maximum control by Satan and his forces, God's Purposes is what will be realized.
- C1. The Second Advent will be the fulfillment of major prophecies of Scripture demonstrating again God's Omniscience. It will also be the time of fulfillment of promises contained in the _____ and the time of _____ for unbelief. Cf Isa 24:21 Cf Matt 25:41
- D1. The Millennium will be the time of "Peace on Earth" to demonstrate that peace is only through the _____ of the _____.
- E1. The Gog/Magog rebellion will answer the last _____ of Satan. Rev 20:7-10
- F1. The New Heavens and Earth will be another period of the amazing demonstration of God's maximum blessing of _____.
- G1. And the Eternal State will be a place where Free Moral Agents eternally _____ to God.