

GENESIS –Lesson 33

Learn: Cast not away therefor your confidence. Which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Hebrews 10:35- 38

Read: Genesis 16:1-16

1. How old were Abram and Sarai when the account of chapter 16 took place?
See verse 16. Sarai was ten years younger than Abram.
2. God had made a promise to Abram and Sarai that they would have a child, but time was marching on. What was Sarai's problem? v 1
3. What was Sarai's solution to the problem? vv 1, 2
4. What is the Lord's warning for just such a situation in Proverbs 3:5?
5. How was what Sarai counseled her husband to do similar to what Eve did to Adam?
See Genesis 3:6.
6. In each case these husbands should have remained strong in faith, believing God, rather than falling to their wives' wishes. However, the wife should strive not to be a stumbling block to her husband. What ought we all to remember? Romans 14:13

NOTE: Sarai's maid, Hagar (and Egyptian girl), was in effect, her own personal property. Thus any children that she might bear to Abram would legally belong to Sarai, in accordance with the customs of the day.

7. Often times what is the custom of the day, and perceived to be the wise thing to do in a time of need, directly contradicts God's will. What does the Word of God say?
I Corinthians 1:19, 20, 25
8. What are two of God's purposes in bringing difficulties that defy man's wisdom to find the correct solution? I Corinthians 1: 27-29
9. Abram's faith wavered and he succumbed to Sarai's plan. What was the result? vv 3, 4
10. How is Hebrews 10:35, 36 a help to each of us when we are tempted to take matters into our own hands and try to fix a situation?
11. Today we call what Abram and Sarai did by means of Hagar surrogate motherhood. Wanting a child and not being able to carry one yourself is heartbreaking. Do you think that getting a surrogate should be something that a child of God should be involved in?
Explain your answer, use this passage as a guide for your answer.
12. How did this situation affect the relationship of Sarai and Abram? v 5
13. How did Abram and Sarai each handle the problem? vv 5, 6
14. Today we see television shows glorifying polygamous relationships. Here we see what happens in such a home even when the people involved know and love God? What is God's wisdom concerning this matter?
Genesis 2:24, 25; Mark 10:7-9; Proverbs 5:18-20; Ecclesiastes 9:9

15. Hagar despised her mistress, and Sarai dealt hardly with her. What was the result of this unhappy situation in the home of Abram and Sarai? v 6
16. Who met Hagar as she fled to the wilderness? v 7

17. How did “the angel of the LORD” address Hagar? v 8

18. What did “the angel of the LORD” ask Hagar? v 8

What did He command her to do? v 9

19. Who is this “angel of the LORD”? Use verse 10, 13 to help you answer.

20. What promise did the LORD give to Hagar? vv 10, 11

21. Why did the LORD tell Hagar to name her son Ishmael? v 11

NOTE: Ishmael means “God hears.” God wanted Hagar to be reminded of His provision every time she said her son’s name.

22. What did the LORD say would be the character of Hagar’s son and his descendants?
v 12

23. What did Hagar call the name of the LORD that spoke to her? v 13

What was the name of the well where the LORD met her consequently called? v 14

24. The child of Hagar was born and named according to God's direction. How old was Abram when his son Ishmael was born? v 16