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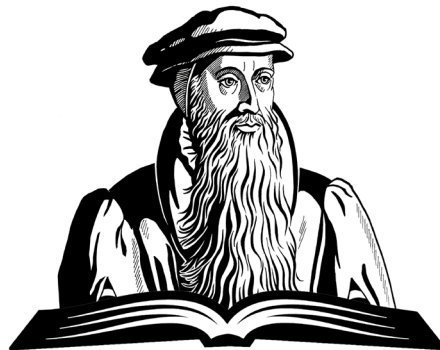
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Lesson 16

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Genesis chapter 20

Memory Verse

“Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.”

Genesis 20:7

Faithless Abraham

It is a remarkable thing which we read in Genesis 20. Here we find Abraham deceiving the king of Gerar. He made the king believe that Sarah was his sister and not his wife. What is remarkable is that this is not the first time Abraham resorted to deception. In an earlier chapter, he had used the same tactics while in Egypt. And we are told that he had conspired with Sarah to tell this same story in “every place” they came to (Genesis 20:13).

Often when men write books about those they admire, they highlight the good and hide the bad. God, in his Word, does no such thing. Abraham is a child of God. The sins of Abraham are covered by the precious blood of the Lamb—the Lord Jesus Christ—by faith. However, God does not blot out the record of Abraham’s sins from the Bible. They are there for all to read. Why, if the sins of God’s people are covered, does God record them for all to read? God records these things so that we may profit from them: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Think about what lesson may we learn from the unfaithfulness of Abraham. We may learn what Solomon learned when he wrote, “For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not” (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

God’s Faithfulness

How sad that Abraham forgot the admonishment he received in Egypt! How sad that Abraham forgot that the Lord had kept his wife from Pharaoh! How sad that Abraham forgot the words God had spoken to him after Abraham delivered Lot from Chedorlaomer!—“I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward” (Genesis 15:1). Why is God faithful in the face of Abraham’s failings? Thankfully, it is to impress upon the Christian that the ground of salvation is not in what man has done or does, but in “the gifts and calling of God [which] are without repentance” (Romans 11:29). There is no greater ground of confidence than the free and sovereign grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Review Questions

1. Chapter 20 opens with Abraham journeying toward the south and settling in:
 - a) Shiloh
 - b) Gethsemane
 - c) Samaria
 - d) Gerar

2. When Abraham came to this new place, he talked to _____ the king.
 - a) Abimelech
 - b) Ahasuerus
 - c) Cyrus
 - d) Ahaziah

Genesis 20

3.”And _____ said unto him in a _____, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the _____ of thy _____; for _____ also _____ thee from sinning _____ me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.”

4. The king of Gerar gave all of the following to Abraham, except:
 - a) Freedom to settle anywhere in the land
 - b) A thousand pieces of silver
 - c) Sheep
 - d) Turtledoves

5. What punishment came upon all the women of the house of Abimilech because he took Abraham’s wife?

Discussion Questions

1. What is discouraging and what is encouraging about the events detailed in Genesis chapter 20.

2. Since Abraham, the father of all the faithful, can backslide, what does that teach us about ourselves?

3. Why should the experiences of Abraham's life cause us to have compassion on other Christians?
