

Genesis 16:1–16
June 25, 2023

Abram and Sarai Tried to Claim the Promises of God in Their Own Way and Timing

“I will make of you a great nation.” (Genesis 12:2)

“I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.” (Genesis 13:16)

“‘Your very own son shall be your heir.’ And he brought him outside and said, ‘Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’” (Genesis 15:4–5)

“Three things are never satisfied; four never say, ‘Enough’: Sheol, the barren womb, the land never satisfied with water, and the fire that never says, ‘Enough.’” (Proverbs 30:15–16)

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)

“Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’” (Proverbs 30:8–9)

“Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” (1 Corinthians 10:12–13)

When We Try to Claim the Promises of God in Our Own Way and Timing, We Fail

When We Try to Claim the Promises of God in Our Own Way and Timing, People Get Hurt

Proverbs 30:21–23, “Under three things the earth trembles; under four it cannot bear up; a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is filled with food; an unloved woman when she gets a husband, and a maidservant when she displaces her mistress.”

God Sees Us

Notes

Discuss

- How and why are you tempted to claim the promises of God in your own way and timing?
- Do you see yourself in Abram, Sarai, or Hagar? If so, how?
- How can Christians be honest about the consequences of sin while still finding hope in the gospel?
- In what ways is knowing that God sees you an encouragement to you in your circumstances?

Read

Proverbs 30:1–33; 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Galatians 4:21–31; Hebrews 11:8–16; 1 Peter 3:1–6

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will give you godly grief over your sin that leads to repentance, not condemnation.
- That God will help you to trust his watchcare over you when others sin against you.

Bulletin

- VBS (Rising Kindergarteners–5th Graders): June 26–30 from 5:30–8:00pm
- Men's Breakfast: July 8 at 8:00am
- Members' Meeting (Copies of Budget and Officer Nominations Have Been Emailed to Members and are also Available for Pick up on Connect Desk): July 9 at 5:00pm
- Women's Bible Study (Twelve Weeks): Starting July 12 at 10:00am