Study Guide for June28, 2009. Life of Abraham #2: The Test. Genesis 12:10 - 13:4

Introduction: Describe a time you devised a plan for your benefit only to realize later that what seemed so good initially actually involved compromise that led to problems.

I. Departure and Deception: (Gen. 12:10-13)

A. Where do Abram and Sarai go? How is it described?

B. What is Abram concerned for . . . in vs.10? . . . in vs. 12? What is his response?

C. Evaluate the action . . . from a human perspective? . . . from God's perspective?

D. When have you found physical food but became spiritually famished? (Lk. 4:1-4)

II. Abduction and Acquisition: (Gen. 12:14-16)

A. What happens when the chosen couple arrives in Egypt?

B. How is Sarai treated? Why? How is Abram treated? Why?

C. Why is it better for Abram to be known as Sarai's brother instead of her husband?

D. "The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it." (Prov. 10:22) Use this verse to assess what happened to Abram and Sarai in Egypt.

III. Rescue and Rebuke: (Gen. 12:17-20)

A. How does the Lord intervene? What might Sarai have said to Pharaoh?

B. What does Pharaoh say and do to Abram? What does Abram say and do in reply?

C. "Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment." (Prov. 12:19) Use this verse to evaluate Abram and Sarai's action in Egypt.

IV. Return and Renewal: (Gen. 13:1-4)

A. How is the return to Canaan described? Where does the family go? (comp. 12:8)

B. What is the significance of Abram calling on the name of the Lord?

C. "A rebuke impresses a man of discernment." (Prov. 17:10a). What do you think Abram learned from all this experience What can you learn from this text?