

Study Guide for Sept. 27th, 2009. Life of Abraham: Delivered . . . Again – Genesis 20:1-18.

Introduction: When have you dealt with a non-Christian who acts with greater integrity than many Christians you normally interact with? How did that person impact you?

I. Sin Repeated: (Gen. 20:1-2)

1. Identify on a map where Abraham moves?
2. What claim does Abraham make about Sarah? Why? (according to vs. 11)
3. Compare this report with that in Gen. 12:10-13. What is similar / different?
4. Read Rom. 7:14-25 and apply it to Abraham. Where do you face a similar battle?

II. Nighttime Intervention: (Gen. 20:3-7)

1. How does God get Abimelech's attention? See Numb.12:6 - How is this ironic?
2. What is God's message to Abimelech? What is Abimelech's response?
3. Scan Lev. 20:10-21 & Deut. 22:13-30. How was Israel to esteem marriage?
4. What does God . . . acknowledge . . . instruct . . . and warn . . . Abimelech?
5. What does it take to cultivate and maintain a clear conscience? (See Heb. 10:19-25)

III. Exposure and Rebuke: (Gen. 20:8-10)

1. When does Abimelech act? Who does he include? What is their response?
2. What does Abimelech ask Abraham? What attitudes are revealed by the questions?
3. Read Lev. 19:17 How does Abimelech model this? Why don't we?

IV. Unsatisfactory Excuses: (Gen. 20:11-13)

1. What are Abraham's explanations (excuses) for his behavior toward Abimelech?
2. Evaluate each response in light of what Abraham should know about God.
3. When have you (recently) given unsatisfactory excuses? What were you afraid of?

V. Generous Exoneration: (Gen. 20:14-16)

1. What action does Abimelech take? What offer does he extend to Abraham?
2. What does Abimelech say and do to Sarah? What does this reveal about him?
3. Abimelech means "my father is king." What does Abraham learned from him?

VI. Praying a Blessing: (Gen. 20:17-18)

1. What happens when Abraham prays for Abimelech and his household? (Gen. 12:3)
2. What does Abraham learn about his calling to be a blessing to the nations?
3. What does Abimelech learn about God's blessing?
4. Rom. 11:29 states, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." How do you see that

truth played out in this story?

How have you seen it played out in your life?