

“THE WALK OF FAITH”

“THE PROMISE OF GOD AND THE PATH OF THE PATRIARCHS”

Part 2 of the Book of Genesis (Chapters 12-50)

PART 39

“THREE STEPS FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK”

“Grace and Disgrace on the Road Too Often Traveled”

(Genesis 20:1-18)

INTRODUCTION:

1A. ABRAHAM’S _____ (GN 20:1-2)

“Now Abraham journeyed from there toward the land of the Negev, and settled between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in Gerar. Abraham said of Sarah his wife, ‘She is my sister.’ So Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.”

1B. What we don’t know:

2B. What we do know:

2A. GOD’S _____ (GN 20:3-7)

1B. God’s sovereign _____ grace.

“But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, ‘Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is married.’”

2B. God’s sovereign _____ grace. (v. 4-6)

“Now Abimelech had not come near her... ‘...and I also kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.’”

3B. God’s sovereign _____ grace. (v. 7)

“Now therefore, restore the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”

**3A. ABIMELECH'S _____ AND
_____ (GN 20:8-16)**

1B. God's Prophet, More than _____ (v. 8-13)

"...Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, 'What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done.' And Abimelech said to Abraham, 'What have you encountered, that you have done this thing?'" (v. 8-10)

1C. Abraham is rebuked for his _____.

2C. Abraham is rebuked for his _____.

2B. God's Prophet, More than _____ (v. 14-16)

"Abimelech then took sheep and oxen and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored his wife Sarah to him..."

4A. ABRAHAM'S _____ (GN 20:17-18)

"Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maids, so that they bore children. For the LORD had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife."

CONCLUSION:

Rejoicing in God's sovereign _____ grace.