

Tinkering with the Promise: The Temptation of Abram
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Review of the Life of Abram.

Faith is trusting in the promise of God at all times.

Religion is man reaching out to God in hope.

Christianity is God reaching down to man in love.

God is telling us, "this is what I am going to do, trust me."

Can you trust God in the dark?

Helping God out: Sarai's Indecent Proposal

Take Hagar as a wife, and raise up children for me.

This was legally acceptable, morally wrong and covenantally unfaithful

Sinful reactions to the success of the indecent proposal

Hagar's pride, Abram's abdication, Sarai's anger.

In a dispute we often think that someone is right and someone wrong.

Sometimes everyone is wrong.

Running from your Problems and God's intervention

God calls her by name and function.

He is confronting her failure, her pride and failure to submit.

God cares for the oppressed and the rejected.

Notice the consequences of one sinful suggestion.

Notice the weakness of even the best of saints

Notice the wisdom of God in making everything depends on him.

Notice the astonishing grace of God in meeting our needs.

Notice the comfort of God's commitment to his promises

God's message to us in this text. God alone fulfills his covenant.