



Beware of Compromise (Genesis 16)

Donald Barnhouse says “No perfect feet walk the path of faith.”¹
Paul says in **1 Corinthians 10:12**, “Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”

The Problem (16:1-2)

The Promise is not fulfilled yet.

- 1) Great victories can bring great temptations (**1 Corinthians 10:12**)
- 2) God is not on our schedule. He is preparing us for eternity
- 3) God brings us to the point where all we have to cling to is faith and faith alone...He gets all the glory.

The Proposal (16:2-4)

God's Will our way

- 1) God never uses evil means to accomplish his will

Hebrews 11:12 -Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

- 2) We are blinded by our weak spots

“Down in Egypt, Trustless Abram had given Sarai over to the Egyptian Pharaoh. Now in Canaan untrusting Sarai gave Abram over to her Egyptian servant. Abram's fiasco in Egypt was costly indeed.”²

¹ Donald Grey Barnhouse, Genesis (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1973), p.123

² R. Kent Hughes, Genesis (Wheaton, Ill: Crossway, 2004), p. 239.

The Repercussion (16:4-6)

Descendants of Abram and Hagar = Arabs
Descendants of Abram and Sarah = Jews

For 4,000 years they have been fighting and they are fighting to this day. When we end up doing God's will our way, we lead the way of destruction and consequences that go way far beyond our lives

El Roi (16:13)...The God who sees me

1) God sees Personally

- God saw Hagar individually. He knew who she was, what had happened to her, and where she was.

2) God sees Persistently

- You are the God who is SEEING me. (Psalm 139)

3) God sees Perfectly

- God knows us inside and out...all of our thoughts and actions.
- God knew our weaknesses, thoughts, obedience, disobedience, struggles, condition of our hearts...And yet he placed his love on us