

Genesis 16:1-16

The God Who Sees and Knows Everything

Introduction:

The God of Scripture is the God who knows everything from beginning to end and forever more. The God of Scripture also is a Spirit and is everywhere in the universe and beyond. Chrysostom said, "God is everywhere and nowhere." This may seem like a contradiction but it's not because God is everywhere, so that He cannot be confined to any one place; any tabernacle box or locality. Psalm 139:1-12 reveals both God's Omniscience and Omnipresence.

- I. **Abram Put to the Test Again**
 - A. **Walking by sight**
 1. His patience grew thin – 16;16
 2. He listen to the voice of his wife v.2
 3. He went through the mill of trials – (12:10; 13:8; 14:14,21-23; 16:2
 - B. **Tests and the Christian**
 1. Example of Elisha and Elijah
 2. Example of Solomon
 3. Example of Jesus
 - C. **Wait on the Lord – Psalm 25:5,21; 27:14; 37:7,9,34 (Psalm 39:7; 52:9; 62:5; 69:3,6; 104:27; 106:13; 119:43; 74,81,114,147; 130:5; 147:11)**
- II. **Abram, Sarai and Hagar**
 - A. **Sarai's Belligerence**
 1. Sarai is aggressively hostile – v.2
 2. Sarai's attitude stinks – v.4
 3. Sarai complains to her husband – v.5 (James Boice comment)
 - B. **Hagar visited by the Angel of the Lord**
 1. Lord is Yahweh – "The self-existent One, the everlasting God, The God of the Covenant"
 2. The God who sees!
 - C. **Theological Implications**
 1. God is the One Who Seeks us – Rom. 3:11; Luke 19:10 cf. Gen. 3:8
 2. It's impossible to hide from God – Psa. 139:9-10
 - D. **Unsought Blessings – v.10**
 1. Countless descendants – v.10
 2. She must obey the Lord and return home – v.9 "Ishmael" means "God hears"
 3. God meets her at the well, Beer lahai- roi, "the living God who sees" – v.13,14 (John 1:18; Joh 14:9; 6:44; (Matt. 16:17; Acts 16:14; Num. 21:16 cf. John 4:14-15)

Conclusion:

1. How could Abram think that fornication and adultery was permissible to propagate his descendants? Such a view clashes with the will of God – Mal. 2:14,15 (Polygamy) Eph. 5:31; Gen.2:24
2. What is the role of Ishmael and his descendants? (Job. 5-8) A W Pink's comments...
The spiritual implications – **Turn To: Gal. 4:28-31**