

## GENESIS CHAPTER 20

<sup>1</sup> And Abraham journeyed from there to the southern country, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. <sup>2</sup> And Abraham said concerning Sarah his wife, "She is my sister," for he feared to say, "She is my wife," lest at any time the men of the city should kill him for her sake. So Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. <sup>3</sup> And God came to Abimelech by night in his sleep, and said, "Behold, you shall die for the woman whom you have taken, for she has a husband." <sup>4</sup> But Abimelech had not touched her, and he said, "Lord, will You destroy an ignorantly *sinning* and just nation? <sup>5</sup> Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister', and she, even she herself said, 'He is my brother'? With a pure heart and in the righteousness of my hands have I done this." <sup>6</sup> And God said to him in his sleep, "Yes, I knew that you did this with a pure heart, and I spared you, so that you should not sin against Me, therefore I did not let you touch her. <sup>7</sup> But now return the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and *he* shall pray for you, and you shall live; but if you do not restore her *to him*, know that you and all yours shall die."

<sup>8</sup> And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and he spoke all these words in their ears, and all the men feared exceedingly. <sup>9</sup> And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What is this you have done to us? Have we sinned against you, that you have brought upon me and upon my kingdom *this* great sin? You have done a deed to me which no one ought to do." <sup>10</sup> And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What have you seen in me that you have done this?" <sup>11</sup> And Abraham said, "Because I *thought*, 'Surely there is not the worship of God in this place, and they will slay me because of my wife.' <sup>12</sup> For truly she is my sister by my father, but not by my mother, and she became my wife." <sup>13</sup> And it came to pass when God brought me forth out of the house of my father, that I said to her, "This righteousness you shall perform to me, in every place into which we may enter, say of me, He is my brother."

<sup>14</sup> And Abimelech took a thousand pieces of silver, and sheep, and calves, and servants, and maid servants, and gave them to Abraham, and he returned Sarah his wife to him. <sup>15</sup> And Abimelech said to Abraham, "Behold, my land is before you, dwell wherever it may please you." <sup>16</sup> And to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver, those shall be to you for the price of your countenance, and to all the women with you, and speak the truth in all things."

<sup>17</sup> And Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his women servants, and they bore children. <sup>18</sup> Because the Lord had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.