

“You are a God of seeing”

Introduction: Genesis 16-18 (mostly) is another unit in the life of Abram (who will soon be converted to Abraham). This unit focuses on the LORD’s covenant promise to bless Abram with a great OFFSPRING.

The TRUE to LIFE lessons of Genesis 16:

1. The FLESH cannot hurry or accomplish the plans of God. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
2. Some CONSEQUENCES will not be undone in this world.
3. God LISTENS and God SEES.

Chapter 16 outline:

I. Salvation is the work of God ALONE.

- A. Abram and Sarai’s BODIES are old.
- B. Abram and Sarai’s NAMES are old.
- C. Abram and Sarai’s FAITH is impatient.

II. The TRIANGLE of chaos (16:1-6)

- A. Sarai becomes EGYPTIAN.
 1. Sin: IMPATIENCE
- B. Abram listens to the voice of his WIFE.
 1. Sin: PASSIVITY
- C. Hagar triumphs over SARAI.
 1. Sin: PRIDE

III. The PROMISE to Hagar (16:7-15)

- A. Command: be sheltered in SHEM.
- B. Blessing:
 1. OFFSPRING
 2. ISHMAEL
 - a) UNCLEAN
 - b) THORN
 3. NAMES God.