

## Chapter 20

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- 20:1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.
- 20:2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.
- 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him,  
Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.
- 20:4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?
- 20:5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.
- 20:6 And God said unto him in a dream,  
Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart;  
*for I also withheld thee from sinning against me:* therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.
- 20:7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live:  
and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.
- 20:8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.
- 20:9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him,  
What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.
- 20:10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham,  
What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?
- 20:11 And Abraham said,  
Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.
- 20:12 *And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother;* and she became my wife.
- 20:13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.
- 20:14 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.
- 20:15 And Abimelech said,  
Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.
- 20:16 And unto Sarah he said,  
Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver:  
behold, he is to thee ***a covering of the eyes***, unto all that are with thee, and with all other:  
thus she was reprovèd.
- 20:17 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.
- 20:18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.