

Sermon Scripture Passage: **Genesis 16:1-13**

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. 5 And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" 6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

7 The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." 9 The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." 10 The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." 11 And the angel of the Lord said to her,

"Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son.

You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction.

12 He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

13 So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me."

Scripture References:

1 Timothy 5:2 – Treat older women as if they were your mothers. Treat younger women as if they were your sisters. Be completely pure in the way you treat them.

2 Chronicles 7:1-2 – When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. 2 The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it.

Galatians 3:27-28 – For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Mark 5:33-34 – But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

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Women, Men, Marriage Singleness #2 – Genesis 16:1-13 – The God Who Sees

Key Interpretive Point: *Mistreatment of women is _____ but not endorsed in the Bible.*

Genesis 16 – Hagar is a woman, a _____, and a _____ amidst Abraham’s household

16:4 Hagar views Sarai with _____ and sees herself as a second _____ to Abraham.

16:6 Abraham confirms Sarai’s _____ as his rightful wife and her authority as wife.

Where does Hagar’s decision to run away from Sarai and Abraham leave her?

16:8 God’s question invites Hagar to tell her _____ and reconsider her _____

16:13 *Why is significant to Hagar that God had “seen” her?*

Abraham’s Blindspot – He treated Hagar as an object to be _____ not a person in God’s image!

Job 31:1 | Timothy 5:2 *How should Christian men “see” the women around them?*

Manifestation of the curse of sin: The reason why women and men compete for _____ and women have endured oppression and _____ status in society is because of the sin that operates in the hearts of fallen people.

Hellenism: The spread of _____ thought and culture in the Middle East and Roman Empire.

How did Hellenism affect the attitudes and the religious practices of God’s People (the Jews)?

Herod’s Temple versus God’s design in the temple of Solomon:

What does it mean that God is no _____ of Persons? (Consider Galatians 3:28)

Mark 5:33 Jesus not only heals the woman but stops to _____ to her story.

Answers for the blanks:

- Described
- A Woman, a Foreigner, and a Slave
- Contempt
- Wife
- Story
- Direction
- Used
- Power
- Secondary
- Greek
- Respector of Persons
- Listen
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Herod's Temple versus God's design in the temple of Solomon:

- Herod's temple, influenced by the Hellenistic Culture relegated Women and Foreigners to separate courtyards and restricted their access to the main part of the temple.
- The temple of Solomon, following God's design had no separate courtyard for the women, and so a woman had as much access to seeking God as did a typical man who was not a priest. (Only Priests could go into the Holy Place to perform their duties).