

## **Genesis Lec 11**

We will now begin lec 11 on Genesis

This is the 11th lec

Today we will lecture on ch 16

The subject of ch16 is failure

First, Abraham marries Hagar

1-3

Second, servant despises the master

4-5

Third, the servant is abused so the servant flees

the servant is mistreated and flees

v. 6

4th, submission to the master brings blessing

submission to the master brings blessing

7-10

5th, prophesy regarding Ishmael

prophesy regarding Ishmael

11-16

Here we have Abraham taking Hagar to be his wife.

Because Abraham was still childless he takes Hagar as his second wife.

This is a sign that Abraham has yielded to humanism

God had promised Abraham that the one coming from his body would become his heir.

God had definitely revealed to Abraham that the one coming from his body would become his heir.

But he and his wife became old

and became desperate

And began to rely on human wisdom.

and ended taking his maidservant Hagar as wife.

He had followed the ways of this world and the tradition of mankind.

He turned away from the Spirit and acted on the flesh.

When we participate in God's work the method is just as important as the goal.

The method must be in line with God's word and the goal must be set according to God's word.

Faithfulness for Abraham would have been to believe that God would fulfill his promise to make him an heir from his own body.

read v. 4: He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.

Abraham slept with Hagar and she conceived, and began to despise her mistress.

She mistreated her mistress.

And the relationship between the maidservant and the mistress became sour.

They lost peace in the home

This happened because Abraham followed human thinking

When humanistic methods are adopted we can lose peace and order in the home.

In these situations it is important to restore order in the home.

Authority should be given to Sarai

and allow her to lead the maidservant.

Freedom can only be enjoyed in truth.

Read v. 9: Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her."

Hagar ran away

The angel told her to go back to her mistress and submit to her

It is important to humble ourselves and submit to those who are in charge over us.

It is important to remain in our assigned positions.

Later Hagar give birth to Ishmael.

read v. 15-16: Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me."

**6** "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

Abraham was 86 years old when he had Ishmael.

He had Ishmael according to human methods.

However, the true heir is not Ishmael but the child of promise, Isaac.

We will not begin the lecture on ch 17.

The subject of ch 17 is circumcision

First part, be blameless.

v. 1

Second, covenant and blessing

2-8

Third, covenant of circumcision

9-14

Fourth, the birth of Isaac

15-22

Fifth, Abraham circumcises his people

23-27

read 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty[a]; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

God appeared to Abraham as God almighty.

And he told Ab to be blameless before him

God desires for us to be blameless before him

Mat 5:48

Mt 5: 48

To be blameless we must believe in Jesus and follow him

We must obey God's word.

Then we can become like Jesus

and have perfect faith.

God makes a covenant with Ab and blesses him

read v. 5: No longer will you be called Abram[**b**]; your name will be Abraham,[**c**] for I have made you a father of many nations.

God changes Abrams name to Abraham.

Abram means high father.

Abram is high father

or father is high

Abraham means father of nations

Abraham is father of many nations

God is saying he will bless Abraham to be father of nations

from v. 9 God establishes the covenant of circumcision

in ch 15:5-7 God promised Jesus Christ

here established the rite of circumcision

circumcision serves as a sign of Abraham's faith in Christ

the sacraments in the O.T. are circumcision and the passover.

the sacraments in the N.T. are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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The rite of circumcision is when at 8 days old a male child's foreskin is cut off.

It is cutting off the foreskin of a male child.

What is the meaning of circumcision?

It symbolizes cutting off of our lusts.

Jer. 4:4

Philp 3:3

Col 2:11

It means we must cast away our evil desires.

second, it symbolizes one as belonging to God.

it symbolizes one as belonging to God.

one becomes God's possession.

God's possession.

Jer. 4:4

third, participating in God's covenant

it symbolizes one's participation in the covenant of God.

Fourth, circumcision is a sign that one has become a servant of God.

It is a sign that a person has become God's servant.

Therefore, today, believers should get rid of worldly desires and lives as one who belongs to God.

v. 15 and following is the account of Isaac's birth.

It teaches about the covenant of Isaac's birth.

God also changed Sarai's name

read v. 15: God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

He changed Sarai to Sarah

Sarai means heroine

Sarah means mistress or princess.

Sarah becomes then a woman master

So this shows us that Sarah will participate in the work of salvation and be used by God.

God will make a new character in her.

read v. 19: Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.[d] I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

God promised to make Sarah bear a son for Abraham

whose name he shall Isaac.

Isaac means laughter.

21:6

This speaks of how many Sarah will laugh and bring joy to many people through Sarah's birth of Isaac.

Isaac will be born through God's power.

Just as it is written in v. 1. Yahweh is almighty God.

And therefore, through the power of the Almighty Isaac will be born.

In v. 23 and following Ishmael and all males were circumcised.

Abraham was 99 years when he was circumcised.

Ishmael was circumcised when he was 13 years old.

We've finished the lecture on ch 17

We will now begin the lecture on ch 18

The subject of ch 18 is prayer

Abraham's prayer

first, Abraham serves angels

Abraham serves angels

1-8

2nd, Announcement of birth of a son through Sarah

announcement of birth of a son through Sarah

9-15

3rd, reveals the destruction of Sodom

reveals the destruction of Sodom

16-21

4th Abraham prays for Sodom

Abraham prays for Sodom

22-33

read v. 1: The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

read v. 2: Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

Abraham was sitting in front of his tent when three strangers appeared.

Ab. accepted these three men.

Heb 13:2

One of these three men was God in the form of an angel.

He came as an angel

The other two are angels

So one of the three were God in angelic form and the other two were angels

So Abraham ended up serving angels and God himself when he received the strangers.

Abraham received the men warmly and offered them great hospitality

He baked bread

and took a calf to prepare a fine meal for them

1 Tim 3:2

Gal 6:9-10

We need to treat servant's of God kindly

and we need to provide for those who are persecuted for the faith.

the Shunamite woman served Elisha

read v. 9: **9** "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

read v. 10: **10** Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.



God revealed that Sarah would bear a son within a years time.

God made a promise and blessed them

But Sarah laughed inside according to v. 12.

Sarah couldn't believe her ears.

She was too old and so was her husband.

They were advanced in age.

But there is nothing that God cannot do.

read v. 14: Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

We need to believe in the power of God.

in vv. 16-21 God revealed to Abraham that He would destroy Sodom and Gomorra.

God had told Abraham a secret.

The secret was the destruction of Sodom and Gomorra which God revealed to Abraham.

And God promised Abraham that he would become a great and powerful nation.

This appears in v. 18.

read v. 21: that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

the outcry of Sodom and Gomorra was great.

This outcry were cries from those who suffered from injustice, oppression, and exploitation.

They are cries from victims who are suffering with agony.

God was listening to their voices

James 5:4-6

5:4-6

God judges everyone with justice.

read v. 22: The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

Here is Abraham's prayer for Sodom.

Two angels went down to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

When receiving the angels Abraham also ended up receiving God himself.

Abraham prays to God here

He prayed what will you do if there are 50 righteous in the city?

read v. 25: Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

The righteous should not be destroyed along with the wicked he implied.

Abraham's prayer shows that he knew God aright.

God does not treat the righteous and the wicked in equal manner.

He does not destroy the righteous together with the wicked.

God destroys the wicked and saves the righteous.

Abraham prayed knowing that God brings his punishment in justice.

Secondly, Abraham prayed for the people of God.

He prayed for the righteous.

This is a prayer to save the righteous.

It is a prayer to protect the righteous.

to save the righteous who were in Sodom.

3rd, it is a prayer for mercy those perishing in sin.

Jesus carrying the cross even prayed for his enemies.

It was a prayer sympathizing with sinners.

4th it was a humble prayer.

Abraham likens himself to dust and ashes.

v. 27

5th, it was a prayer made in the fear of God

He knew that he was in no position to tell God what to do.

v. 27 and 31

read v. 26: The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham asked God what would you do if you found 50 righteous people in the city?

God said he would spare the city if he found fifty righteous people in it.

We do not know how many people lived in Sodom at that time, 1000s or tens of thousands.

But the city had hopes of being saved if there but 50 righteous people living in it.

God would not destroy the city for the sake of 50 righteous people.

Then in vv. 27-28, Abraham asks God if he would destroy the city if there were found 45 righteous persons in the city and God replied that he would not destroy the city for the sake of 45 righteous persons.

Then in v. 32, Abraham asked the last time, would you destroy the city if 10 righteous were found?

God said that even for 10 righteous people that He would not destroy the city.

Even if a community is deserving of ruin God has hope for restoration even in just 10 righteous persons.

The righteous are important.

1 Sam 2:8

2:8

Ps 11:3

11:3

If any nation become filled with sin and invites the wrath of God for the sake of a few righteous persons God will relent and forgive them.

But God did not find even 10 righteous person in Sodom and Gomorra and so destroyed the cities.

Jer. 5:1

Ez. 22:30-31

2 Pet 2:7

Ez. 9:4

Thus, in this manner, Abraham prayed for Sodom and Gomorra

The righteous are important

Because they lacked 10 righteous persons God destroyed the city of Sodom.

Even today, if there are no righteous persons, the kind of people God seeks, God will destroy this generation.

Therefore we who have become righteous through faith must guard our faith.

We must walk in the path of righteousness.

This concludes the lecture on ch 18

We will now begin the lecture on ch 19.

Ch 19 is about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorra

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorra

Lot offers hospitality to the angels

1-3

The evil deed of the people of Sodom

evil deed of the people of Sodom

4-9

3rd, Angels save Lot and blind the sodomites.

Angels save Lot and blind the sodomites  
10-11

4th Angels brings out Lot's family

Angels brings out Lot's family

12-23

5th Sodom destroyed and Lot's wife becomes a pillar of salt.

Sodom destroyed and Lot's wife becomes a pillar of salt.

24-29

6th Lot's daughters plot and the failure of Lot

Lot's daughters plot and the failure of Lot in terms of his faith

30-38

in v. 19. is the destruction of Sodom.

When we look at vv. 1-2 Lot receives the angles.  
Lot was sitting at the city gates.

He met the two angels and invited them to his home.

He then served them a meal.

Here, Lot served the angels.

When we look at how he served them there's a difference with how Abraham's hospitality.

Abraham's hospitality is recorded in 18:6-8.

Abraham served with all his heart.

Lot served the angels also but not with devotion like Abraham.

Then from v. 4 the hideous act of the Sodomites begins

read v. 5: They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them."

when evening came, the men of Sodom came and surrounded Lot's house.

They said where are the two men who came to you tonight bring them out because we want to have sex with them.

"to have sex" in Hebrew is Yadah

Yadah means to have sexual relations

This is a shameful thing to do between men.

which is homosexuality.

Rom. 1:27

Jude 1:7

These speak of the sexual immorality of Sodom.

Lev. 20:13

Lev. 20:13

Jesus also said that at the end of days people will become corrupt like Sodom and Gomorra.

We can see then how corrupt and immoral the people of Sodom were.

God must judge such wickedness.

Luke 17:28

in v. 10-11 the angels blinded the wicked men.

Because they tried to harm God's servants He blinded them.

So when we walk without faith our eyes become dark

read v. 12: The two men said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here,

God revealed to Lot through the angels his hidden plan.

God reveals his plan to punish Sodom.

read v. 13: because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the Lord against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it."

it says here that the outcry to the Lord was great.

the outcry is against all the sin of the city.

cry against wickedness.

Matt. 29:39

read v. 14: So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry<sup>[a]</sup> his daughters. He said, "Hurry and get out of this place, because the Lord is about to destroy the city!" But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

Lot had two daughters.

So he also had sons-in-law.

So Lot went to his sons-in-law and told them about the destruction of Sodom that was about to happen.

But the sons-in-law thought their father-in-law was joking

they didn't believe him.

Rather they laughed at his words.

2 Pet. 3:3-4

they were told about God's punishment and salvation but took it as a joke.

That is how much their hearts were hardened and wicked.

Even today, there are a lot of people who scoff at the gospel and take it as a joke.

When we tell them about Jesus, heaven, and about salvation many people take it as some fairy-tale.

When we look at vv. 15-16 it says that Lot hesitated.

Why did Lot hesitate?

Its because he was thinking about possessions.

When he thought about losing all his assets he didn't know what to do.

Therefore, the angels grabbed his hands and the hands of Lot's wife and daughters and led them out of the city.

Lot lost all his possessions.

He wanted to live a comfortable life in Sodom.

But he lost all he had.

Lot was rescued from the midst of fire.

1 Cor. 3:15

But it was a shameful rescue.

When you hold God in one hand and have material possessions on the other this is what happens.

As we go we should keep our eyes only on God.

this passage teaches us how we can be saved.

read v. 17: As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

It's how we can be saved from this world deserving of God's punishment.

First, flee to the mountains.

Believers must leave the corruption of the world.

They must flee and go up Mt. Zion.

Toward Mt. Zion and God they should flee.

Rev. 18:4

Haggai 1:8

Gen 35:1

We must not put our hopes in this fleeting world but continue onward looking forward.

Second, angels said not to look back.

Looking back shows that we still desire the things of the world.



We must look at the Lord only

Luke 9:62

Matt. 24:16

Phil 3:13

Heb 10:39

When we look at these verses we cannot look back

Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus

this world is destined for ruin.

Lot's wife did not obey this word, and looked back and as a result became a pillar of salt.

Lot's wife became a pillar of salt.

v. 26

Third, the angels said not to remain in the plains.

As we walk by faith we must not stop for comfort

We must continue forward.

Phil 3:13

2 Tim 4:7

1 Kg 13:14

Whether sad or happy we must continue on

We cannot think that we've arrived, or that our faith is good enough.

We must know our weakness and continue to strive forward in faith.

Faith must not halt or falter.

It must always go forward.

So this is how God saved Lot and his family

read v. 20: Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared.”

read v. 22: But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it.” (That is why the town was called Zoar.

Lot asked God if he could flee to a small town called Zoar.

God granted his request.

Zoar symbolizes the church today

Believers leave the church and run about.

For those situations, God has made the church a refuge.

He made it a temporary place of safety.

read v. 26: But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

But Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt

This is because she didn't obey God's word.

She was too attached to the material things of the world.

To have become a pillar of salt means she lost faith

Like salt that has lost its saltiness.

Matt. 5:13

Sodom and Gomorra was completely destroyed.

read v. 28: He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.

As Abraham looked from afar he saw smoke rising up from Sodom and Gomorra.

Abraham kept his faith and received salvation with blessing.

He received a glorious salvation.

But Lot received a shameful salvation.

when we look at v. 29 Abraham prayed for Lot

God saved Lot because of Abraham's faith.

We too should pray for our children and neighbors.

read v. 30: Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave.

Lot and his two daughters were afraid to stay in Zoar so they lived in a cave.

At this time the two daughters of Lot came up with a plan.

They didn't have anyone to marry because everyone was wicked.

So they made their father drunk and slept with them

read v. 36: So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father.

v. 37: The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab<sup>[g]</sup>; he is the father of the Moabites of today.

v. 38: The younger daughter also had a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi<sup>[h]</sup>; he is the father of the Ammonites<sup>[i]</sup> of today.

The older daughter had a son and name him Moab.

The younger daughter called her son Ben-Ammi.

So they became the ancestors of the Moabites and Ammonites.

This is a faithless and obscene incident.

The family has become wretched.

As we look at this passage we can see the result of Lot's life.

Lot went down to Sodom with lack of faith and received devastating losses.

He failed in spirit and in body.

But Abraham received blessing in spirit and body.

I hope that you will have faith like Abraham and be blessed like him.

This concludes the 11th lecture on Genesis.

We've finished the lecture on ch 19 of Genesis.

Thank you.