



“When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarah his wife, ‘I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.’” – Gen. 12:11-13

“This is an astonishing episode. It seems incredible that Abraham makes the same dreadful mistake again: visiting a foreign country, he passes off his wife as his sister. If perhaps in chapter 12 we may excuse him, because at this stage he had little experience of God’s providential protecting care, now years older and richer in experiences of deliverance from danger, it is amazing to find Abraham fearing for his life in Gerar. The righteous prophet who boldly pleaded for the salvation of Sodom is now discovered to be less than perfect in his trust in God’s safekeeping. Indeed, when challenged by Abimelech, he resorts to lying.” – Gordon Wenham

“Don’t expect this struggle to get any easier as you mature in your faith. The war against indwelling sin grows only stronger. This is because your knowledge about God’s will in Scripture usually

increases at a faster pace than you can put that knowledge into practice. And that gap between knowledge and obedience grows as the years go on.” – Andy Naselli

“The church is a hospital in which nobody is completely well, and anyone can relapse at any time.” – J.I. Packer

“The episode is chiefly one of suspense: on the brink of Isaac’s birth-story here is the very Promise put in jeopardy, traded away for personal safety. If it is ever to be fulfilled, it will owe very little to man. Morally as well as physically, it will clearly have been achieved by the grace of God.” – Derek Kidner

“God would not allow Sarah in the arms of any man but Abraham.” – Kent Hughes

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac...” – Matthew 1:1

“Abraham’s lack of faith disturbed everything so far as he was concerned. Yet-this is a glorious point-Abraham’s lack of faith disturbed nothing as far as God was concerned. Abraham may have doubted God’s ability to take care of him, but God’s ability to do so was not altered in the slightest. He may have doubted God’s grace, but God remained as gracious as he had ever been. God was not indifferent to Abraham’s sin. He would deal with it as he had on the occasion of its appearance in Egypt. But the sin did not change God’s view of Abraham. Abraham was still ‘a prophet.’ He was still God’s man. Moreover, in all the references to Abraham that we have in the remainder of the Bible, never once does God bring up this incident as if to highlight Abraham’s failure-not in Romans, not in Galatians, not in Hebrews 11. Not once in all this great survey of Abraham’s progress

in the life of faith does God refer to his past sin as if to shame him by a remembrance of it. It was forgiven and gone. It was forgotten. It is good to serve a God like that, a God who remains sovereign even when we doubt his ability to care for us, a God who remains gracious even when we sin. To serve a God like that is this world's greatest joy and opportunity. To know that he is like that is the greatest incentive you will ever have to keep from sinning.” – James Boice

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” – Rev. 21:1-4